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No Rift Behind the Scenes

Labor Oils Political Machine for LBJ

By VICTOR RIESEL

There is no rift between the nation's labor chiefs and the nation's chief executive.

Despite their public grumbling over guideposts and all the mumbo-jumbo and the in-jargon of economic advisers on both sides, the labor movement is welding one of the most modern political machines in U.S. history to re-elect Democratic candidates and keep complete control of Congress in President Johnson's hands this fall.

The new labor vote-getting machinery will be electronic-ized. It will be cinematized. It will be visualized.

There is such devotion to Mr. Johnson that virtually all regional labor political training sessions now feature a filmed dialogue between the President of the United States and George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO.

To these conferences come congressmen to answer the questions of the trainees—most of them top and second-echelon labor leaders recruited by the famous COPE—Committee on Political Education.

These parleys also are shown slides to perfect block-by-block techniques of vote-getting, dramatizations of the accomplishments of the Congress and most of all, the wizardry of electronic campaigning. This electronic gadgetry will be the key to future labor electioneering. The hard-driving, round-the-clock COPE director, Al Barkan, is responsible for this innovation which will revolutionize the politics of the future.

While the national labor leaders get their grumbling over 14b into the headlines, he's setting up his electronic data processing for the byways of the land, the wards and precincts and blocks of the big cities.

This computerized campaigning will be at the disposal of the 51 liberal-labor freshman congressmen who rode in on the Johnson coattails. It will be used to elect senators, despite the current civil war with the Democrats. And it will be thrown in behind literally thousands of city and state candidates.

Obviously the outward complaints over the failure to get the 14b repealer through merely are part of a pressure game to warn the Democrats that they must now produce a higher national minimum wage; federalize the unemployment insurance system as a step towards permanent income for unfortunate jobless; and extend the coverage of present minimum wage laws to some eight million more persons.

But it would be folly for the labor movement to abandon the Democratic coalition, one of the top leaders of COPE's administrative board told his colleagues during the AFL-CIO mid-winter sessions in Bal Harbour, Fla.

They would leave themselves open to retaliation at the very moment when the National Right-to-Work Committee is planning a drive to outlaw political spending by labor. The Supreme Court has ruled that unions must return to members who object to labor's political action that part of their dues money used for such purposes.

So Mr. Barkan and his aides now are calling on unions in three areas for copies of their membership lists.

Despite recent publicity over Big Labor's so-called disenchantment with the President, AFL-CIO chief George Meany (left) and COPE director Alexander Barkan will continue to press for election of congressional candidates favorable to the liberal-labor coalition.

These will get top security protection so they don't leak out. The regions are the Baltimore-Washington, D.C. metropolitan districts; the entire state of Pennsylvania, and the nine northern counties of California.

These names will be put on electronic tape. They will be "programmed" so that unions' computers will tell the labor strategists in a few minutes which of the members are registered, the political status of their families, their voting addresses by district and precinct.

From such tapes will come more than fast selective mailings. Automatically, block lists of union members will be quickly prepared for canvassing; delinquents in COPE dollar-per-member drives will easily be picked out; route lists will be prepared for drivers to rush to polls. Walk sheets will be swiftly run off to use by COPE precinct workers on election day.

But 1966 will be prelude. The Baltimore-Washington, D.C. operation will become the pattern for city drives. The Pennsylvania operation will become the standard for state campaigns. And the nine-county California experiment will show how regions can be electronic-ized and galvanized.

By 1968 the entire COPE apparatus may well be put on a data processing basis—to re-elect President Johnson and a liberal-labor Congress.

Pay no heed to the grumbling. The coalition still is tight.

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Plans Make-or-Break Drive

Reuther Wants to Unionize Millions of 'Working Poor'

By VICTOR RIESEL

If United Auto Workers leader Walter Reuther has his way there will be organizing centers around the country.

As labor's high command sunlights at its contemplative midwinter session in Florida, the question is: Where is Walter Reuther going?

Over the hills to the poor's houses, that's where. First, there will be considerable planning in Bal Harbour's hotel rooms. Reuther no longer squeezes his own orange juice to save labor a few expense-account pennies. But he spurns the swimming pools and seaside lanai gin games and those mass migrations to Hialeah.

Instead, with a thrust back to the springtime of his life, the 58-year-old auto union chief will work on new plans to "organize the unorganized."

But this time, unlike the campaigns of 30 years ago, there will be no march on giant industries, no parade of young workers in overseas caps, no sit-ins—just a fan-out, a march up the forgotten alleys, the byways of the working people.

He and his organizers will seek out the filling stations, the garages, the tool lofts, the fix-it shops, the eight and 10-man family businesses. For there no longer is a giant industry to be conquered and unionized. He has seen his tiny local, which had no money to send him to a national convention, grow into an auto union, 1.45 million strong. So it is with steel and rubber and oil.

But there are millions to be unionized in the shadows of the mile-long plants and in the shoddy grease, paint and wire alleys of the big cities.

Those are the millions Reuther and his closest colleague, the imaginative, often daring Jack Conway want to sign up.

They've always been there. But the big unions have not been interested in the proletariat Reuther calls the "working poor." It's not worthwhile and it's too expensive and what do you get, has been the reaction of labor leaders.

Until Reuther sought new horizons there was no formula for signing up the fix-it shops. But then Reuther and Conway, executive director of the six-million-member Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO, hit on the formula.

They would set up catch-all "coordinated" or "cooperative" unionizing centers. Each would have a geographic area. They decided that going up the grimy alleys of the big cities would not be going into a cul-de-sac but could result in a sackful of union cards.

Then each member would be processed. Each would be roughly categorized. Each would be put in a central pension pool. Then each could be "serviced" by the central headquarters whether it was in the Philadelphia suburbs or deep in the unorganized heart of Texas.

Plans are still rough. But conferences have been held. Also, practice runs. Training skull sessions have been scheduled for organizers all the way from Washington to the Brownsville, Tex., area.

It's all getting to the deadline-for-action stage, the blueprint and time-table schedules of which Reuther is so fond. So much so that Reuther has wired the entire Industrial Union Department Executive Committee to come to Bal Harbour for a meeting late in February.

Whatever it is they'll decide will be kicked off in mid-March or early April —either in the "grape country" of California or the Brownsville area of Texas as well as in some Northern cities.

Then the march on the "working poor" will start.

Since Reuther is a realist, the proletarian drive will not be without its political dividends. In the words of Reuther's friend, author Michael Harrington, "the working poor should be organized on a political basis to give unions additional strength on the political front." Mike (*The Other America*) Harrington was cheered when he urged this on a conference run by Reuther's ally, Paul Jennings, the labor movement's new youth, who recently took over the leadership of the International Union of Electrical Workers from "old" Jim Carey.

But this report would not be complete without the news that Reuther, and unions close to him, still are pouring tens of thousands of dollars into the teachers' strike-and-sign-up campaign in many cities. Or that Reuther is aiding the American Federation of Government Employes on a front ranging from New York to Washington, D.C. Or that he plans to take the lead in the "coordinated bargaining" committee of eight unions (stretching all the way from the auto union to the Glass Bottle Blowers Association) in this year's assault on some giants, such as General Electric and Westinghouse.

But the drive to watch is the poor man's campaign. It will demonstrate whether Reuther, in this ripe era of his life, is kingmaker or noise maker.

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When Will Liberal Writers Wake Up?

By JOHN CHAMBERLAIN

Back in the summer of 1939 a group of writers put their names to an indignant statement that the Soviet Union never, never, never would make a deal with the Nazis. But just as the statement had appeared in a New York liberal weekly the word came from Moscow that Stalin had signed a pact with Hitler.

The writers who had signed the statement reacted in various ways. Some of them, angered to the bone, broke forever with the Communists; others made excuses that Stalin had had no recourse, since the democracies had let him down. A third group said nothing beyond echoing the French Communist who spoke enigmatically of "going through a tunnel."

The writers who had signed the so-called "letter of the 400 fools" were professional intellectuals, which may be taken to mean that they were mostly people who are always too sophisticated to reduce a problem to its elementary terms. Many in this over-subtle group have remained convinced that someday, somehow, the writer will be permitted to achieve a glorious freedom under socialism. They still trust in dialectical materialism, but they have never simplified their dialectics to the point of asking how you can get materialism on your side as a writer when the state owns all the paper mills, the printing presses and the newspapers and magazines.

Now the over-subtle crew has another dilemma on its hands, nothing so serious as the Nazi-Soviet pact, but something that nonetheless strikes home to them as writers. They have heard of the severe sentencing in Moscow of two not-very-political Soviet writers, Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuli Daniel, who have gotten seven and five years of hard labor, respectively, for maligning the Soviet Union in works smuggled abroad under pseudonyms.

To their honor, some highly placed Communist authors in the West have vigorously protested what has been done to Sinyavsky and Daniel. Novelist Louis Aragon of France has called for a suspended sentence for the writers, adding that the question is not one of talent, but of the right of the novelist and short story writer "to live freely." Since Aragon is a member of the Central Committee of the French Communist party, his protest is an obvious proof that the Soviets have misjudged their hold on Western sympathizers. When you talk long enough about a "thaw" you can't reintroduce the ice age overnight.

But what bothers me is that Moscow can always get its Western supporters back in line by faking a new thaw. The reality is that there has never been any real liberalization of literary production in Moscow. Valery Tarsis, now lecturing in England, was thrown into an insane asylum for differing with Khrushchev. Boris Pasternak was euchered out of accepting the Nobel Prize. And Andrei Sinyavsky, even when the "thaw" was supposedly reaching a quite liberal climax, never dared offer his fiction for publication inside Russia.

During a recent bout of influenza I spent an inquisitive day in bed reading some of Sinyavsky, as published in America under the pseudonym of "Abram Tertz." If his fiction is "political," it is so in the sense that it breathes a general disaffection with living under a system which tries to make pro-Socialist politicos out of all writers. I don't find "Tertz" as much of a genius as critic Andrew Field proclaims him to be in an interesting essay in a recent issue of *The New Leader*.

His attitude toward sex—"a compelling repulsiveness, a repelling attraction"—is right in line with *avant-garde* attitudes in all the great Western capitals. The attitude bores me to death. But there is nothing in "Tertz" that could be called an overt attack on communism itself.

"Yes, we live in communism," he writes. "It resembles our aspirations about as much as the Middle Ages resembled Christ, modern Western man resembles the free superman, and man resembles God. But all the same, there is some resemblance, isn't there?"

The question, with its slight flick of sarcasm, might legitimately annoy the masters of the Kremlin, but would you throw the book at a man for asking it? Well, the book has been thrown. When will Western writers wake up to the elemental simplicity that only under a property system combined with a First Amendment guarantee can a writer use typewriter and paper to annoy the state?

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What Bobby Really Said

Because of the furor his remarks caused, Sen. Robert Kennedy (D.-N.Y.) and the White House have been busy "explaining" what he meant. To help the reader judge for himself, here are some verbatim excerpts from Bobby's statement of February 19:

"Whatever the exact status of the National Liberation Front—puppet or partly independent—any negotiated settlement must accept the fact that there are discontented elements in South Viet Nam, Communist and non-Communist, who desire to change the existing political and economic system of the country. There are three things you can do with such groups: Kill or repress them, turn the country over to them, or admit them to a share of power and resonsibility. The first two are now possible only through force of arms.

"The last—to admit them to a share of power and responsibility—is at the heart of the hope for a negotiated settlement. It is not the easy way, or the sure way; nor can the manner of the degrees of participation now be described with any precision. It may come about through a single conference or many meetings, or by a slow undramatic process of gradual accommodation.

"It will require enormous skill and political wisdom to find the point at which participation does not bring domination or internal conquest. It will take statesmanship willing to exploit the very real differences of ambition and intention and interest between Hanoi and Peking and the Soviet Union. It may mean a compromise government fully acceptable to neither side."

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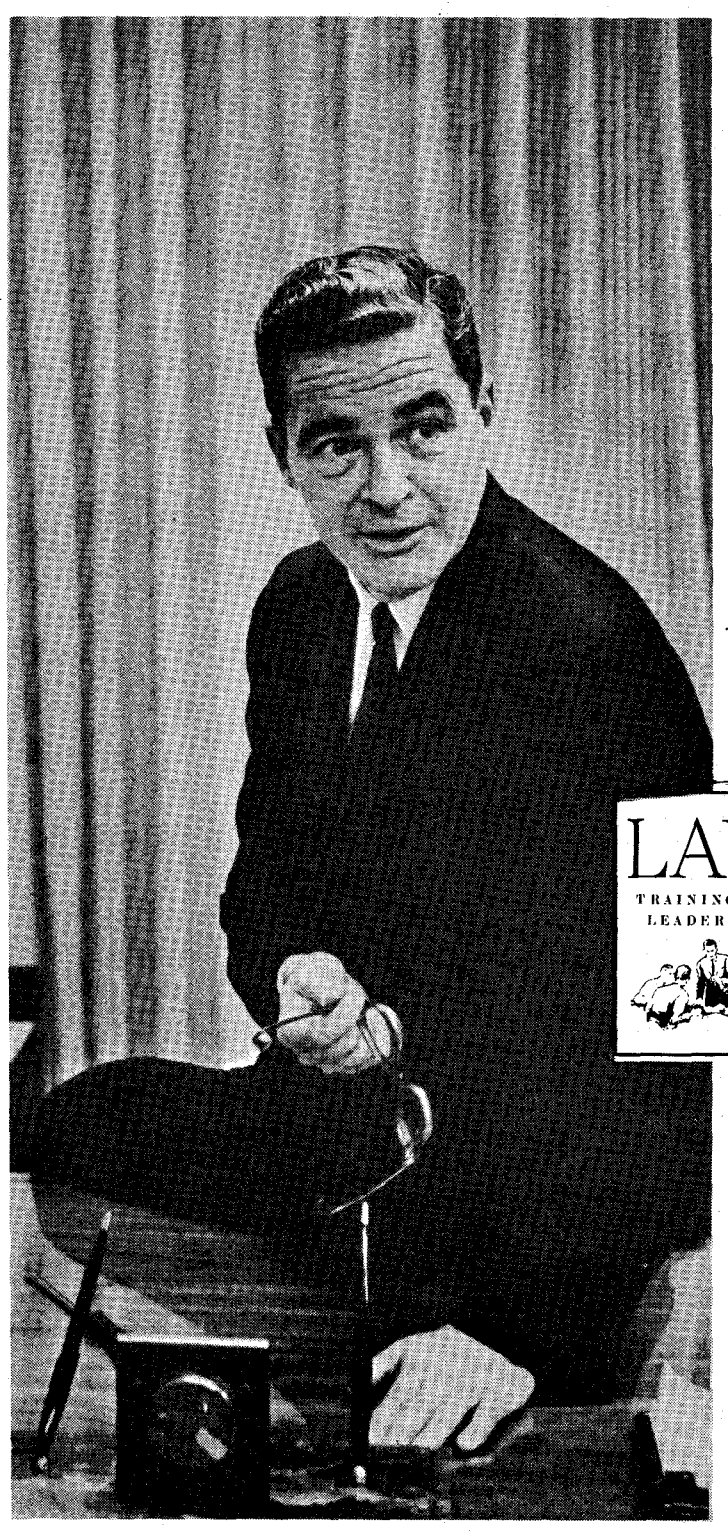

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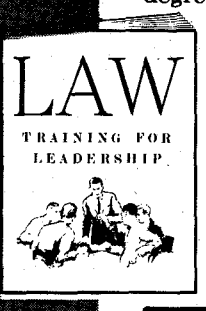

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• The Communist Party, U.S.A., has made public a 128-page "new program" for left-wing unity which includes running Red candidates for election. Among the CP's plans are a national convention—the first since 1959—to be held in New York City between June 22 and June 26. There will be public sessions, with invitations to attend as "observers" going out to members of the Students for a Democratic Society, the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, trade unionists and religious leaders. The Communists now plan to run a number of congressional candidates, including Herbert Aptheker, chief Red theoretician. Announcing the program in a press conference, CPUSA chieftain Gus Hall also said that CP membership has risen perceptibly since a November 15 decision by the Supreme Court striking down the provisions of the Senate Internal Security Act of 1950, which said Communists must register with the Justice Department.

HALL

• *Bobby Kennedy has tried to get out from under his remarks which clearly hinted at a coalition government for South Viet Nam through a negotiated settlement (see his remarks, page 3, and comments on them, page 6). But there is no doubt he made them and has become the hero of the far-left Democrats for doing so. The aim of Kennedy's talk, say insiders, was not so much to propound a solution for South Viet Nam as to seek "peace bloc" support in his never-ending campaign for the presidency.*

• Rep. Edward J. Gurney (R.-Fla.) has introduced legislation that would prevent U.N. bureaucrats from using U.S. dollars to finance projects in Communist countries. Gurney acted in the wake of reports (see *Human Events*, January 29) the U.N. Special Fund had committed $2.1 million to a school for Communist militiamen in Castro Cuba (the United States picks up 40 per cent of the fund's tab). Legislation introduced by the Florida lawmaker would amend the U.N. Funding Act so that no American dollars can be used for any projects aiding a Communist-dominated country.

GURNEY

• *The General Board of the National Council of Churches, the NCC's policy-making arm, voted 90 to 3, on Washington's birthday, for the admission of Communist China to the United Nations. The board also urged the United States to consider establishing diplomatic communications with Red China, to declare its approval of free travel between the two countries, to permit the sale of food and other "non-strategic" items to Communist China and to attempt to involve the Chinese Reds in international negotiations on disarmament and a nuclear test ban. The recommendations were made at the opening sessions of the board's four-day meeting in the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis, Mo.*

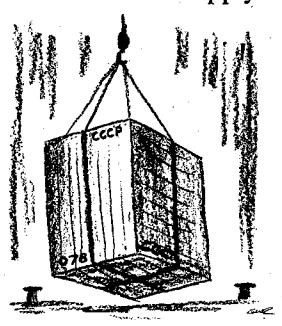
• Rep. Robert Michel (R.-Ill.) has accused Rural Electrification Administrator Norman Clapp of making an illegal loan to the Colorado-Ute Electric Association. Michel said that in making this and other loans, Clapp was flaunting the will of Congress. He said Clapp was motivated by "his desire to be free of all restraints imposed by Congress or by the courts." The $22.8-million Colorado loan was made in 1962 and was recently declared unconstitutional by the Colorado Supreme Court because the state had not approved it. Despite this ruling, Michel said, Clapp is now "in the process of making the same mistake" by approving a $60.2-million loan to the Hoosier Cooperative, Inc., of Indiana, even though legal questions are pending before that state's highest court.

MICHEL

This Week in Washington

Rescuing the Enemy

Should the United States expand aid and trade to Communist countries while those countries are supplying vital war materiel to North Viet Nam? That's a burning issue now confronting Congress as President Johnson continues to introduce new legislation opening the way toward sending taxpayer dollars to the Reds. Here are just a few of LBJ's proposals that could pour American money and goods into Communist countries:



(1) Johnson's "Food for Freedom" bill (H.R. 12785), now getting a hearing before the House Agriculture Committee. Sharp-eyed House members note that this bill, which would replace Public Law 480 as our food giveaway program, drops every restriction on sending food to Communist countries. Under P.L. 480 the President was explicitly forbidden to authorize food shipments to Communist nations, save Poland and Yugoslavia. Section 306 of the new bill, however, scraps all the provisions governing such aid.

This section says only that "programs of assistance undertaken pursuant to this act shall be directed toward the attainment of the foreign policy objectives and national interest of the United States." Rep. Page Belcher (R.-Okla.) told Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman last week that unless the Administration puts the restrictions back in there is going to be a "storm on the floor" of the House.

(2) Insiders report that the Defense, State and Commerce Departments have roughed out legislation which would make it easier for both the United States and our European allies to send goods of an even higher strategic value to the Soviets and their satellites.

(3) LBJ has requested some $70 million as a starter to finance the United Nations Development Program headed by foreign aid hand-out artist Paul Hoffman. In January, Hoffman's group approved U.N. grants—of which the United States pays 40 per cent—to such Communist countries as Poland and Cuba. Nearly $840,000 of American funds are scheduled to be pumped into the Soviet-run, military-staffed "technology faculty" at the University of Havana.

A propos of the U.N. grant, Paul Bethel reveals in the authoritative *Latin America Report* that Raul Castro, Fidel's brother, said in January: "We have stressed the great importance of having soldiers instruct the teachers of technology. For they can work shoulder-to-shoulder with the Communist party and with our youth to achieve our goals." "In other words," says Bethel, "the U.N. grant is marked for military and Communist ideological purposes."

(4) The Asian Development Bank. This piece of legislation, which has been rushed through the House still has to be approved by the Senate. Under its articles, Communist Asian countries can receve aid. The bank right now stands ready to aid Communist Outer Mongolia, which sent troops into South Korea and Hungary to fight for the Soviets.

The rising tide of LBJ "help the Communists" legislation has stirred up antagonism in Congress and has created a more favorable climate for reviving the House Select Committee on Export Control, which did so much in the past to halt American dollars from going to Red countries.

Sponsored by Rep. Glenard P. Lipscomb (R.-Calif.), the bill to establish the committee (House Resolution 43) has been languishing in the Democratic-controlled House Rules Committee primarily because of pressure from the Administration. Alerting members of Congress, particularly those on the House Rules Committee, might help to jar it loose. The bill almost came out of committee last year; additional voter pressure in this election year may finally bring it to the floor.

Here are the members of the Rules Committee: Democrats: Smith (Va.), chairman; Bolling (Mo.); Colmer (Miss.); Delaney (N.Y.); Madden (Ind.); O'Neill (Mass.); Pepper (Fla.); Sisk (Calif.); Trimble (Ark.); and Young (Tex.). Republicans: Anderson (Ill.); Latta (Ohio); Martin (Neb.); Quillen (Tenn.); and Smith (Calif.).

Brown Seeks Leftist Support

Democrat Edmund G. (Pat) Brown is openly soliciting support from left-wing extremists in his bid to win a third term as California's governor. Brown made that clear last week when he obsequiously sought the endorsement of the wildly radical California Democratic Council at its turbulent convention in Bakersfield, Calif. The CDC, with some 35,000 members, is a volunteer Democratic organization.

Some members booed Brown and 200 staged a walk-out because of his praise of LBJ, but nevertheless Brown told the nearly 2,000 delegates, "I will accept your indorsement with great appreciation if you will give it to me."

While Brown was seeking and receiving CDC support, the convention adopted a series of radical resolutions which aligned the organization with the far, far left. Among the policy resolutions adopted:

The United States must call a halt to the bombing of both North and South Viet Nam; the U.S. should recognize the National Liberation Front, since it represents "a major nationalistic force" in South Viet Nam; this country should halt search-and-kill operations in Viet Nam; U.S. military forces should be relegated to defensive enclaves; and Red China must be admitted to the United Nations.

As a face-saving gesture to Brown, the CDC removed from office its president, Simon Casady. Brown, after coaxing from LBJ, had sought to oust Casady because of his tirades against LBJ's Viet Nam policies. Casady's successor, Gerald Hill, however, is even more liberal than Casady.

"Let me make it crystal clear to California and the nation," said Hill, "that yesterday's vote against Si Casady was in no way a repudiation of CDC's courageous stand against the war in Viet Nam." He said Sen. Robert Kennedy had now enlisted on the side of Sen. Wayne Morse and that he, Hill, intends to invite the "Democratic reform movement of New York" and others to a conference on Viet Nam.

Brown acknowledged that Hill was as extreme as Casady on the Viet Nam situation, but he explained why he was pleased that Hill had become the new CDC leader. Brown, according to Carl Greenberg of the Los Angeles *Times*, said that Hill may be more liberal than Casady "but he's more discreet."

Home Rule or Ruin

Ultra-militant leaders of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee have jeopardized chances for District of Columbia "home rule" with a proposed boycott of Washington businessmen opposed to the Administration plan.

SNCC leaders announced early last week they would solicit signatures and contributions from 7,000 D.C. businessmen to finance a lobbying campaign for home rule legislation. Those businessmen who declined to kick in would be the target of a massive boycott, SNCC officials said.

The proposed boycott was denounced as "outright blackmail" by Rep. B.F. Sisk, author of the home rule bill that passed the House last summer.

Sisk said the SNCC proposal could cause him to reconsider his support for self-government for the nation's capital. His remarks were greeted with applause on the House floor.

"If this type of thing represents the leadership of the district, I may have to reassess my thinking as to whether there is responsible leadership here to undertake self-government," he said.

Even Joseph Rauh, ultra-liberal chairman of the D.C. Democratic Central Committee, assailed the boycott. "A businessman has the right to take a

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political position contrary to that of the majority of citizens without being subjected to economic coercion," he said.

LBJ's Strange Viet Strategy

A number of congressmen are becoming infuriated at what they believe is LBJ's real strategy in trying to end the war in Viet Nam: Coddle the Soviet Union. The United States, it is now understood, is refusing to block Soviet or Soviet satellite aid from going to Hanoi because LBJ and his advisers desire a Soviet presence there. The more Hanoi has to depend on the Russians for aid, say LBJ advisers, the easier it will be to get a peaceful settlement in the area. The USSR, government authorities insist, will finally persuade Hanoi to come to the bargaining table.

Chicago *Tribune* correspondent Chesly Manly, reporting from Saigon last week, confirmed this Administration policy when he wrote that the United States is gambling on Soviet moderation to end the war in Viet Nam. LBJ's "grand strategy," Manly reported, was disclosed to him by "high Vietnamese sources who participated in the recent Honolulu conference."

The main purpose of the conference, said Manly, was to persuade Vietnamese officials to accept "the strategy of relying on the Russians to bring Ho Chi Minh to a peace conference."

Manly suggested that the United States, through its restricted bombing, is actually trying to compel Hanoi to depend more and more on Soviet supplies. While limited air strikes in North Viet Nam have not significantly reduced the movement of Communist troops and supplies to South Viet Nam, "they have forced Ho Chi Minh to turn to the Russians for anti-aircraft guns and missiles and late-model MIG jets which the Red Chinese cannot provide."

When the Soviets see the Viet Reds can't win militarily, they will, supposedly, act to stop the war. The strategy envisions the Russians saying to Ho Chi Minh, "Look, these Americans say you can keep your Communist regime and they promise you a share of economic aid for the development of the Mekong River valley. Why not take them up? Accept a settlement at the 17th parallel."

In short, the Administration is playing the same old game the Democratic Administrations have played since FDR: trusting the Soviets.

Nike-X Knocked Off

More and more it appears as if the United States is going to delay putting up an anti-missile defense in order not to aggravate the Soviets. Dr. Jerome Wiesner, former chief scientific adviser to LBJ, has counseled the President along these lines and it looks as if Wiesner's disarmament advice is having some effect.

The United States, it seems, has once again agreed not to start deploying its missile defense system in spite of the fact that the Soviets have already begun deploying theirs around Leningrad and Moscow and in spite of the fact that our missile killers are thoroughly workable.

Members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff say that all of the major technical problems surrounding the Army's Nike-X have been solved, that an operating system could be finished within six years, and that now is the time to begin deploying the system around our major cities. A reporter for the *Christian Science Monitor* recently quoted one officer as saying: "We know how to hit a bullet with a bullet in a blizzard."

The National Security Council, the highest strategic advisory body to the President, apparently agrees that the Nike-X "killer missile" is ready for production. But LBJ, supposedly, doesn't want to deploy it now for fear it will irritate the Soviets and up the Administration's already expensive defense budget.

Carr Inches Left

Texas Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate seat held by John Tower, has reportedly told labor officials he will support them on other issues, even though he opposed labor on repeal of right-to-work. The AFL-CIO, of course, is a prime mover behind LBJ's "Great Society" programs.

The Houston *Tribune* reports that during a recent Washington meeting of state attorney generals Carr visited Democratic National Committee headquarters and talked with Al Barkan, head of the Committee on Political Education (COPE), AFL-CIO's political arm.

Barkan was said to have criticized Carr's opposition to repeal of right-to-work. In reply, says the *Tribune*, "Carr is reported to have said that he would support labor on other matters." Some insiders believe that Cliff Carter, executive director of the Democratic National Committee, arranged the meeting in an effort to smooth over the present friction between Texas labor officials and Gov. John Connally's ruling faction of the Texas Democratic party.

Carr has previously paraded himself as a conservative, but there is now a belief that he is inching closer to Big Labor's line in order to win its support.

Carr, it is said, feels he must become "liberal enough" in order to block possible left-wing Democratic defections in both the Democratic primary and in the fall election. Carr's primary opponent is John R. Willoughby, a liberal Houston advertiser.

Should Carr win the primary—as is expected—he is said to feel he will still have to maintain a somewhat liberal image to prevent Democrats from defecting to Ronnie Dugger. Editor of the ultra-liberal *Texas Observer*, Dugger has decided to run as an independent and could drain enough votes away from Carr to give Tower the victory.

$350,000 to Radicals

The Lawndale Urban Progress Center in Chicago, Ill., which has received over $350,000 in federal funds since January 1965, has, under pressure from Mayor Daley, recently removed an accused Communist, Richard Criley, from its advisory council. Criley, identified as a Communist by an FBI informant, has refused to deny the charge. Executive secretary of the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights, Criley was expelled from a United Packing Worker's Chicago local in 1947 on charges of Communist activities.

Far more interesting than his removal, however, is the opposition to his removal put up by the federally financed center. The center's advisory council, by 23 to 15, actually voted against recommending Criley's ouster.

Clarence Cash, director of the center, said he was not concerned with the charges against Criley and had removed him only because he became a "center of controversy" and because he had "refused" to tell the council whether he was or was not a Communist.

Cash actually indicated he might reconsider putting Criley back on the council even if he admits he is a Communist. Asked what he would do if Criley freely confessed to it, Cash said, "Anyone can sit on the council if he doesn't cause a problem."

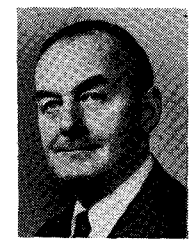
The question many concerned lawmakers want answered is: Why do Sargent Shriver's anti-poverty bureaucrats allow taxpayers' money to be channelled into such irresponsible groups?

Constantine Brown

Human Events notes with sadness the death last week of syndicated columnist Constantine Brown, a frequent contributor in past years to our pages and a long-time friend of our staff. During a colorful career spanning more than 50 years, Brown came to be regarded as one of the most incisive writers on the international scene, enjoying the confidence of state leaders at home and abroad. He often anticipated significant events, including the start of World War II and the Korean War. Brown was one of those who understood the dangers of communism (he was the first to interview Lenin after the Bolsheviks took over Russia) and in one of his last columns he assessed the Viet Nam war as follows: "But now we have divided our enemies into good and bad Communists. . . . Yet they all are helping in various degrees the efforts to humiliate or defeat us in Southeast Asia."

CAPITOL CAMERA

• Sen. John J. Williams (R.-Del.) has called for the dismissal of Federal Housing Administration officials who approved a "fantastic scheme" to guarantee mortgages on a $4.6-million housing project which went bankrupt before it opened. "The time has arrived when officials in the FHA who are approving these boondoggle projects be fired," he said. "To excuse them for being politically pressured into giving approval to such obviously uneconomical projects is only to suggest that they are stupid and incompetent."


WILLIAMS

• *The U.S. diplomatic position in Africa improved dramatically last week with these two developments: First, egocentric leftist Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana was overthrown; second, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs G. Mennen Williams made it known he would shortly leave the State Department to run for the Senate from Michigan. Williams faces a bruising primary battle with Detroit mayor Jerome Cavanagh; the winner will meet Rep. Robert P. Griffin (R.-Mich.) in the general election to fill the seat being vacated by Sen. Pat McNamara (D).*

• The federal government, which subsidized the "art" of wild black racist LeRoi Jones, may soon be expanding its art subsidies on a vast scale. Roger L. Stevens, LBJ's appointment as chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, has told the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions that surplus government property worth billions of dollars "could be tapped" for the arts in America. Besides asking the federal government to turn over surplus property to the "arts," Stevens said, "We would like to make mandatory by law, if we can, the expenditure of 1 per cent for art in all federal buildings. . . . The average expenditure for government buildings runs around $600 million to $1 billion a year; we could thus create a market of $6 to $10 million for the purchase of art."

JONES

• *Rep. Wayne Hays (D.-Ohio) has denounced attacks on Secretary of State Dean Rusk by Sen. Stephen Young (D.-Ohio). Hays quoted Young as saying that he would sleep better if Rusk were not in power. Said the acid-tongued Hays of his Democratic colleague: "If he slept much more than he does, he would be asleep 24 hours a day."*

• Rep. Armistead Selden (D.-Ala.), a key member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, has lashed out at the "soft-liners" in his party who counsel retreat in South Viet Nam. "American defeat, withdrawal or abandonment would not be simply, as some have phrased it, a roll-back of our Pacific front line to Waikiki," he said. "The roll-back would be the Andes, and beyond, for Ho Chi Minh's battle plan in Viet Nam is a blueprint approved in both Moscow and Peking, for subversive wars of aggression in Asia, Africa and Latin America."

SELDEN

• *The American Bar Association's house of delegates has endorsed unanimously a resolution rebuking the leftist ideologues who maintain that U.S. intervention in South Viet Nam is illegal and a violation of international law. Eberhard P. Deutsch, a top expert on international law, told the ABA that Sen. Wayne Morse (D.-Ore.) "misconstrues and perverts" the words of the U.N. Charter to make his case against U.S. intervention in South Viet Nam.*

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Coalition with Viet Cong

Bobby Echoes Ho Chi's Line

From the Chicago *Tribune*

Sen. Bobby Kennedy has reached a level of irresponsibility without parallel even for him in suggesting that the way out of the war in Viet Nam is for the United States to accept a coalition government in South Viet Nam which would admit the Communist Viet Cong as a ruling element.

Mr. Kennedy could only advance an idea of this sort if he was entirely ignorant of history and experience. We conclude that he is utterly deficient in both.

The record of coalitions with communism demonstrates that any coalescence of this sort leads inevitably to a surrender to communism. Czechoslovakia, after World War II, tried the experiment. It led to a complete Communist take-over.

Gen. George C. Marshall was dispatched to China after the end of the same war with instructions written by State Department appeasers to force the Nationalist China of Chiang Kai-shek into a coalition with the Communists who had been fighting his government for 20 years.

When Chiang refused this suicidal deal, the United States cut off all supplies to his forces for a year and a half. Meanwhile, the Communists, armed with weapons taken from the Japanese army which had surrendered to the Russian Communist forces in Manchuria, were gathering the strength to conquer the country, as they did.

Most recently the coalition formula was invoked in Laos, which, like Viet Nam, is a splinter state out of the former French possession of Indochina. In that country an uneasy combination was attempted among disparate elements of the pro-Western and anti-Communist monarchy, a neutralist element of the military and the Communist Pathet Lao.

The Communists have taken over great areas of the country and intend to take it all. The idea that such antagonistic forces will or can cooperate is a myth—the myth promulgated by the Kremlin that "peaceful coexistence" is a means of reconciling sheep and wolves.

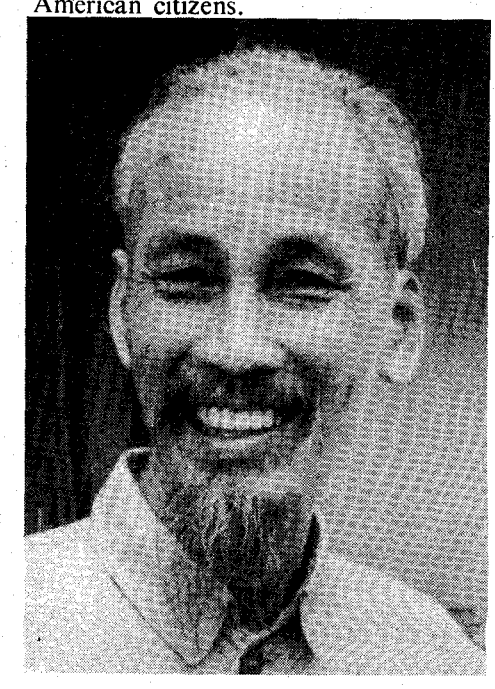
Mr. Kennedy might be dismissed as the demagogue that he is if he were ignorant of this history, but he may not be excused for his ignorance of the origins of the war in South Viet Nam. If he had read the statement of Secretary of State Dean Rusk on February 18, he would know that the Communist Viet Cong and its political sponsor, the so-called National Liberation Front, are not indigenous elements of a civil war in South Viet Nam, but are the deliberately contrived "fronts" of the Communist government of North Viet Nam under Ho Chi Minh.

The third conference of the North Vietnamese Communist party in Hanoi decreed, in 1961, that South Viet Nam was to be abolished as an independent state and rendered subject to the Communists.

For this purpose a dummy political arm, designated as the National Liberation Front, was established as a pretender to authority in opposition to the non-Communist regime in Saigon.

The Viet Cong became the military extension of this invented political cat's-paw of Hanoi. It has no more standing as an authentic element in the political or social organization of South Viet Nam than the Hebrides Islands in relation to the United States.

Sen. Kennedy, out of his ignorance and political ambition, has compromised his loyalty to the United States when it is at war by subscribing to Communist myths and adopting them as his own, in opposition to a national policy, which is supported by an overwhelming majority of American citizens.



History should show Sen. Robert Kennedy (D.-N. Y.), left, that coalitions with men like Ho Chi Minh do not work.

Ending the National Liberation Front Myth

From the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*

A report prepared for President Johnson has exposed the myth that the National Liberation Front in South Viet Nam is a bona fide South Vietnamese political organization.

For the first time our government has officially branded the NLF for what it is—a creation of Hanoi, completely under North Viet Nam control.

This authoritative report, presumably prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency, brands this a conspiracy, "made in Hanoi," to overthrow the government of South Viet Nam.

This exposure kills not only the NLF myth, but its corollary that NLF's military arm, the Viet Cong, have been fighting a "civil war."

Bleeding-heart liberals who have held this fairy tale close to their breasts, in calling for U.S. surrender in Viet Nam, must indeed be distressed upon learning that Washington is no longer in the market for this fantasy.

The National Liberation Front, as the report to the President states, was created by a resolution drawn in Hanoi in September of 1960 by the third national congress of the Lao Dong (Communist party of North Viet Nam).

The resolution urged establishment of a "front" for what it called "unity" in all of Viet Nam. Translated, this means a front to control all of Viet Nam.

Just three months later, according to the report, the NLF "obediently made its appearance. . . ." The new Communist front was so artificial that as late as April of 1962 it hadn't disclosed names of its leaders and Viet Cong prisoners didn't even know the names of its alleged leaders.

Some South Viet Nam nationalists were taken into the NLF, but the study says this "cannot obscure the central fact that its leadership and direction comes from Hanoi and is Communist."

The analysis thus lays bare the classic Communist modus operandi **in launching its "people's wars." Its first step is to create a phony Communist front in the nation it intends to subvert and conquer. This counterfeit then creates a military arm (Viet Cong) to launch guerrilla warfare against the government its masters seek to overthrow.**

This is intended to give the outside world the impression that the conflict is a civil war. Once a semblance of a civil war has been begun, the attacking Red nation (North Viet Nam) starts infiltrating regular troops into the country it would overthrow (South Viet Nam).

This report should lay to rest the big lie, repeated by prominent Americans favoring surrender and withdrawal from South Viet Nam, that the United States in aiding South Viet Nam to resist Communist aggression is guilty of interfering in the internal affairs of South Viet Nam.

It is crystal clear that we and our allies in Viet Nam are fighting aggression from Hanoi—aggression that could end anytime its Red leaders so choose.

For excerpts from Sen. Kennedy's statement see page 3.

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First-Hand Report

Communists Eye South America for New 'Wars of Liberation'

Bolstered by the recent Havana conference, Red agents step up their activities all over the continent.

By CHRIS CLIFFORD

While the attention of the United States—and the rest of the free world—is focused on the fighting in Viet Nam, Communist strength in Latin America is growing and new "people's wars of liberation" are actively being planned right in our own hemisphere. During a recent trip to South America this writer saw the headway the Communists are making and some examples are cited below.

The Communists themselves are very open about what they are planning. At the January 3-15 "Tricontinental Conference" in Havana (see *Human Events,* February 5, page 6), delegates from 82 countries met to discuss "the armed struggle of oppressed peoples for freedom and independence" and the necessity of "revolutionary violence" in the fight against "U.S. imperialism."

As Sen. Strom Thurmond (R.-S.C.) has noted, "Americans should be aware that many new Viet Nam-type wars can be expected as a result of the international Communist operation set up in Havana, particularly in Latin America." Indeed, one South American intelligence service is presently closing in on a Red Chinese espionage organization involving Chinese residing in the country. Until now, all Chicom intrigue has been conducted by their newsmen and trade mission delegates, people officially connected with the Peking regime. The tip-off on the pending case was the interception of a large amount of money sent to the ring from Red China.

Training Agitators

To carry out their plans, the Communists are busy training thousands of young Latin Americans. Experts estimate that there are over 10,000 Latin American students behind the Iron Curtain and over 5,000 Latin Americans being trained in agitation, guerrilla warfare and terrorism in Castro Cuba. This is in addition to many who have already returned to their native countries and are in action at the universities and in the field.

Mexico City and Paris are the key transfer points for these Latin American leftists traveling to Cuba, East Europe and Red China. Most go to these cities from their own countries, often with a stop-over in another nation en route, before going to Communist areas.

From Mexico City they fly to Havana, usually using false passports, and return the same way. Paris serves the same purpose for travelers destined for Moscow, Prague, Peking, etc. On their return home their passports do not indicate where they have been. Thousands and thousands of Latin Americans have followed these routes to attend international Communist conferences or to get training in guerrilla warfare, agitation, etc.

After they return from their indoctrination these leftists meet with much success in capitalizing on the fact that the mass of South Americans know almost nothing about the United States or world affairs.

For example, in a master stroke of propaganda the Communists have spread the rumor on just about every campus in South America that there is a vast amount of uranium in Viet Nam.

Before coming up with this "explanation," they had had trouble convincing people that the United States was in Viet Nam entirely for selfish purposes, since that Asian country is relatively poor. Spreading the rumor about uranium fits their propaganda needs to perfection.

The average South American student, of course, does not know that uranium is in oversupply on the international market, but he does know that it is used to make an atomic bomb. With the single sentence, "There's uranium in Viet Nam," they conjure up the entire picture—Yankee imperialism, selfish motives, atomic warfare.

The Communists in South America have also made excellent use of the American student demonstrations against the war in Viet Nam. On almost any campus one can find pasted up on the bulletin boards newspaper photographs of U.S. students carrying on anti-war activity. Most Latin American students are convinced that nearly all of their counterparts in the United States are against the war.

Other American opponents of the United States are of great advantage to the Communists. It is interesting to find students in the hinterlands of South America who know almost nothing of our way of life or of our history but who can quote verbatim from ultra-liberal authors such as Fred Cook, a frequent contributor to *The Nation*. This is true even in areas as remote as Manaus, deep in the Amazon jungle.

The Communists, of course, work very extensively in the schools in South America. Although their influence at the university level is getting more and more attention, even in this country, another phase of the Communist infiltration into education has been widely ignored.

In some South American countries the greatest Red influence is at the secondary school level. High school teachers are pushing the Communist line into young minds at an alarming rate. Often the youthful students don't know the difference between the three R's and propaganda, and by the time they are ready for college work they are confirmed leftists.

This left-wing taint in the universities has seriously affected the population as a whole. Throughout South America there is very little understanding of capitalism—or even basic economics. Worst of all, most think they have been living under capitalism and blame it for their problems.

Poor U.S. Salesmen

Actually, they have been operating under the influence of 18th Century mercantilism and the system has produced local investors who think only of immediate, large profits—with little attention given to long-range development. Although U.S. investors have brought about some changes in this thinking, it is still widespread.

The Communists, in their propaganda, have been using this confusion to make capitalism the enemy of progress. We have failed to explain and defend the U.S. system mainly because our own propaganda experts don't fully believe in the system themselves.

When South American leftists are pressed for an answer on where they will get the investment capital necessary to develop their countries after they've rid the continent of Yankee imperialists, most of them eventually admit that the United States is the only available source. But this doesn't bother them much, because they believe we'll finance them no matter how far to the left they go. Our ever-increasing trade with the Communist bloc has convinced them that being friendly to Uncle Sam is hardly a prerequisite to getting U.S. aid.

This is one of many fields in which U.S. propaganda has failed. Our basic line, too often, is to apologize instead of defend. On the issues of the free enterprise system, race problems in the United States, our foreign policy, etc., we help Communist propagandists by failing to point proudly to our overall record. Our oft-repeated policy of "admitting our mistakes" can't ever win the propaganda war.

Christian 'Democrats'

The crux of U.S. policy in South America has been support of the Christian Democratic movement. This may well prove to be one of our greatest failures in foreign policy in the Cold War. Backed solidly by Washington, Christian Democratic movements in South America were offered to give the people a choice between communism and capitalism. The Christian Democrats' cries for social justice were supposed to take the thunder away from the Communists.

This is not exactly what has happened, however, and there is mounting evidence that alliances between Christian Democrats and Communists and other leftists may be the biggest danger to South America today.

One top anti-Communist leader on the continent fears these united fronts between Communists and the Christian Democrats more than he fears the guerrilla actions taking place. Such alliances have occurred at many levels: in politics, in universities, in labor unions—and in quite a few countries: Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. They may not be official policy of the Christian Democratic movements, but they happen nevertheless.

In Chile, President Eduardo Frei is being pushed further and further to the left by his Christian Democratic party, which is to the left of him. It includes both Communist infiltrators and Christian Democrats who are themselves so far left that there is no meaningful difference between them and the Reds.

Even when they do not enter into direct alliances with the Communists the Christian Democrats often refuse to go along with anti-Communist forces, splitting the vote and giving the Communists control.

In the important election for president of the student union at San Marcos University in Lima, Peru, Christian Democrats voted for and assured the victory of a Peking-line Communist. In La Paz, Bolivia, Christian Democrats put up a candidate in an election at one of the university faculties. This split the non-Communist forces and a leftist candidate won by a single vote. The same pattern has been repeated at universities in Ecuador and Colombia, with Christian Democrats voting for Communist candidates or, at best, splitting the vote against them.

Most Americans are unaware of this situation in South America, partly because of the work of Communist agents there. In several South American countries the local police have thick dossiers showing great Communist involvement by stringers for U.S. publications.

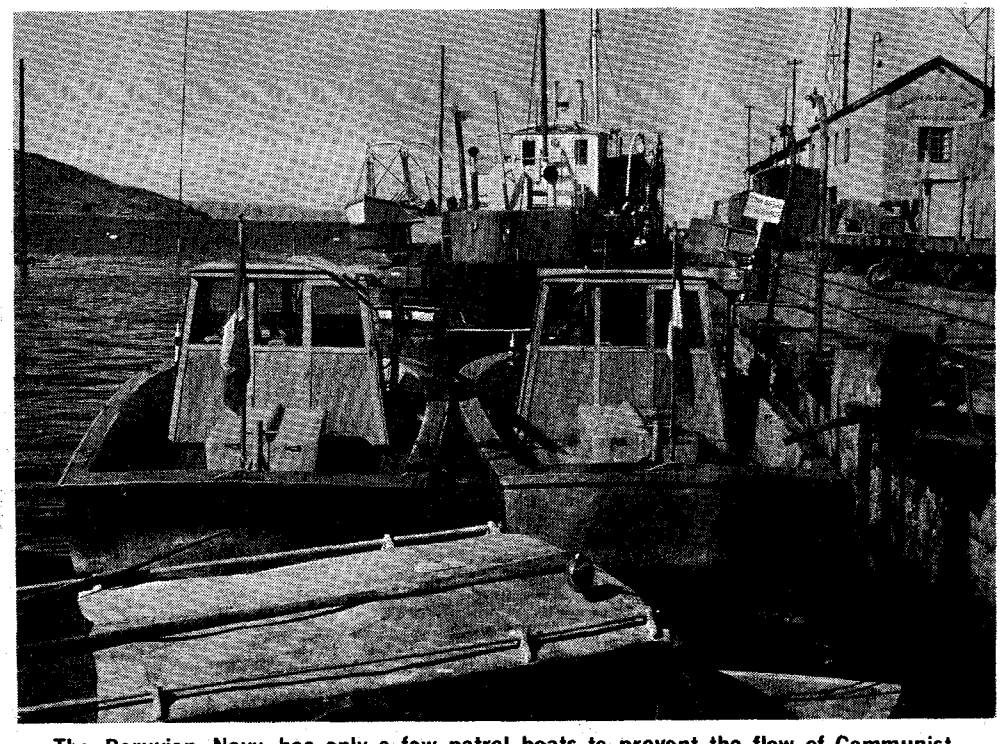
These stringers are local nationals who keep American publications "informed" on events in their countries. There may be a pattern emerging which would indicate a planned Communist infiltration into this very key area. Nearly all U.S. newspapers, magazines and radio and television networks have only one or two men covering the entire South American continent and, for day-to-day news, the media rely on the local nationals.

One of these stringers has been identified by police as a Soviet agent. A college professor, he recently visited a number of countries in Eastern Europe. Another is an exile from Europe and the embassy of his native country reports that he was a member of the Communist party there.

The foregoing general remarks are obviously not meant to be a complete report but rather are intended to show something of the magnitude of the problem we face in South America. Below are some random notes on specific events in several of the nations. Hopefully the preceding discussion and these notes will help more Americans realize better what is going on right in their own hemisphere; one Cuba is more than enough.

Argentina:

The Communist set-back in Indonesia will have repercussions here. The Red Chinese have been using Indonesian embassies as a cover for their activities—a state of affairs which is unlikely to be continued in view of the new balance of power



The Peruvian Navy has only a few patrol boats to prevent the flow of Communist contraband across Lake Titicaca between Bolivia and Peru.

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Washington—No Beatnik He

By MORRIE RYSKIND

I am not, unlike some other prophets, completely without honor in my own bailiwick. A neighboring eighth-grader called the other day to ask for my autograph, assuring me he was a devoted reader of my commentaries.

Struck by a perceptiveness unusual in one so young, I invited him in while I made out the coveted signature. Thus encouraged, he confided he was at work on a class composition on the life of the first President, whose birthday we have just celebrated. And, by a happy coincidence, he had a draft with him if I cared to look it over.

I did and found it ship-shape, except that I noted he had omitted any mention of the famous Farewell Address. That drew a blank stare that revealed the lad might have been absent the day the subject arose. "Look it up in *Britannica*," I suggested.

I may have given the lad a bum steer, it turns out. For that night, I thought I'd take my own advice and refresh my memory. Having learned the alphabet by rote, I had little difficulty in locating the subject in Vol. 23 (VASE to ZYGO) and there I came across a paragraph of 27 lines detailing how George and Martha entertained "with good wines and elaborate menus"; how George was wont to drive "in a coach with four or six smart horses, and outriders and lackeys in rich livery"; and how he dressed for receptions: "a black velvet suit with gold buckles, yellow gloves, powdered hair, a cocked hat with an ostrich plume in one hand and a sword in a white leather scabbard."

And below were not quite four lines on what I was looking for: "This refusal [to yield to the pressures for a third term] was blended with a testament of sagacious advice to his country in the Farewell Address of Sept. 19, 1796, written largely by Hamilton and remoulded by Washington and expressing his ideas."

And that, so help me, was that—not a blessed word more. Sagacious the document may have been, but quotable it obviously wasn't.

Now no one realizes more than a columnist that space is limited and that, if you cover an important phase of a subject in depth, you must necessarily skimp on minor issues. And I certainly would not equate the content of a talk by a notorious isolationist with the far more illuminating minutiae of precisely how he was attired at social functions, a matter which patently calls for years of painstaking research.

I would even concede that it is obligatory to stress that our very first President, like the 36th, might well have made the annual list of the "Best Dressed 10" had such a category been in existence then. It is good to know there is a continuity of tradition in this respect and that here at least—if nowhere else—LBJ follows in the footsteps of the father of his country.

Nevertheless, and with all deference to the judgment of the eminent encyclopedists, I find the odds of almost 7 to 1 in favor of George's wardrobe against his words a little too strong.

A youngster reading the article in question might very well deduce that the Farewell Address—in the absence of any outline of its content—was simply a jeremiad against slovenly dress by the Beau Brummell of the Revolution. And that Washington was such a dandy—if a Yankee Doodle Dandy—that even at Valley Forge he insisted on his troops dressing for dinner. Which ain't the way I heard it.

I can only pray that the kid didn't change his composition too much. If he gets a bad mark as the result of my advice, I'll go to the teacher and explain.

But then history, too, is apparently in the eyes of the beholder nowadays. One of President Kennedy's many biographers—was it Sorensen?—records that his staff was busily engaged in finding quotations from the stalwarts of '76 that might be used as backing for some of the late President's pet concepts. And did very well at it, too.

But for one JFK project they could find no phrase of the period that, however stretched, might serve as historical precedent. That might have stumped lesser men, but these were made of sterner stuff. So they concocted such a phrase and blithely ascribed it to one of the Founding Fathers.

And that's how—sometimes, at least—history is made.

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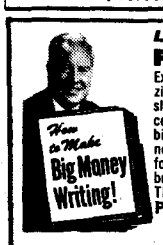

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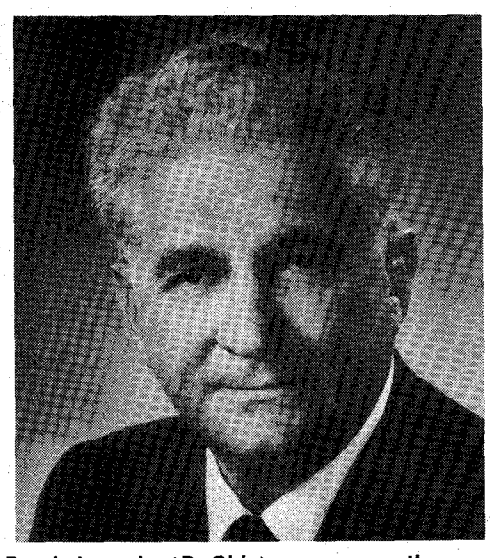

Senators Everett Dirksen (R.-Ill), left, and Frank Lausche (D.-Ohio) are among the co-chairmen of the Committee for Government of the People.

New Group Set Up

Reapportionment Fight Quickens

If the Supreme Court decision isn't changed, it will mean 'one man, no vote' for many persons.

By RALPH DE TOLEDANO

In the feverish world of Washington reporting, an issue is too seldom judged on its merits. The job of crusading reporter is now one in which, by innuendo and sarcasm, he attacks the sponsors of legislation without mentioning what the legislation is about.

This is so true when the question of reapportionment in the state legislatures comes up. The plan of attack is to link it with so-called conservatives and to laugh it off by attempting to prove that it is the product of high-priced public relations men seeking to sell America a bill of goods.

Reading my morning paper, for example, I was told that the Committee for Government of the People was set up by a West Coast PR outfit in cahoots with Sen. Everett Dirksen and some big-money boys. For many that thoroughly discredits the purpose of the committee—namely, to focus attention on the reapportionment amendment which the Administration and its political hangers-on wish to suppress.

Only by digging up the press release from which the daily paper reporter wrote his story did I discover that the committee has a broad base, including liberals and conservatives of both parties. True, Mr. Dirksen is, so to speak, chairman-in-chief. But his co-chairmen include passionate liberals Sen. Frank Church (D.-Idaho) and Rep. B.F. Sisk (D.-Calif.). Republicans of all persuasions share the honors.

I also learn that the Committee for Government of the People (733 15th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005) is not a political action committee. Its function, to quote Sen. Dirksen, is "to conduct an educational campaign throughout the nation to acquaint the people" with the peril to minority rights inherent in the Supreme Court's forcible reapportionment decision.

Given the hostility of a substantial part of the Washington press corps to the Dirksen amendment, it is natural that the educational task should fall to a public relations firm. This would have been unnecessary had the facts not been rejected out of hand by the ideologically motivated. (Parenthetically, those who most loudly denounce a private press release are the first in line to accept a government PR handout.)

The question of reapportionment is vital, and the American voter deserves to have it spelled out. The journalistic shorthand, "one man, one vote," which has been used to sell a Supreme Court decree that overturned the checks and balances of state government, is not a sufficient explanation. It sounds good, but it can in time ring down the curtain on valid representative government in the United States.

Under the Dirksen amendment, the system that now applies in the Congress would be guaranteed to the states. This means that one house of the state legislature would be elected strictly according to population, the other by geographical districts. Without this guarantee, all of state government—as well as the selection of delegates to national conventions and the drawing up of congressional districts—would fall into the hands of the big city bosses and to the power groups they represent.

It was the fear of being dominated by the big states which led those who drafted the Constitution to make certain that the Senate was a body in which both large and small states were equal. The Senate was therefore a check on the population-based House of Representatives, and vice versa. Similarly, the rural areas in the states, less heavily populated than the cities and less subject to boss control, were able to counter a Tammany Hall or its equivalent and to protect themselves from the rampant corruption which city concentrations of power spawn—no matter what the party.

As I noted, "one man, one vote," sounds very democratic. But it means in practice that the voters from rural areas, from the small towns and the small cities will have no vote at all, since they cannot match the machines that control a regimented vote. This is what the Dirksen amendment would prevent, but you will not learn this by reading your daily or weekly pundit.

And who loses? I think the Washington press corps is feeling the effects of political regimentation and may soon allow itself to become aware of it. There is more manipulation of news in today's Washington than there was during the period of wartime censorship. There are more pressures on news sources to remain quiet than I have seen at any time in a fairly long career as a newsman.

This is what comes when power is centralized, when massive blocs of votes determine the outcome of elections. This is what happens when a free press forgets that its duty and privilege is to inform, not pontificate.

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On July 26, 1965, to commemorate Castro's rise to power, Communists set off a bomb in the ladies room at the Ministry of War building in Bogota, killing several women and damaging other offices.

in Djakarta. From Argentina alone, about 200 students a year have gone to Red China through Indonesia.

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The guerrilla war situation is considered so serious by many leaders in South America that there have been secret talks throughout the hemisphere among military men, some completely off the record, others with a minimum of publicity. The main moving forces in these hemispheric talks have been the Argentine and Brazilian military. There are indications that the initiative came from the Latins, not from Washington.

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Some South American intelligence services have done an exceptionally good job of infiltrating Communist student organizations. However, it is a deadly business. In Argentina an alleged infiltrator was discovered by the Communists and was shot to death while on a date with his fiancee. Similar instances, unreported, have occurred throughout the continent.

Brazil:

After having done a magnificent job of snatching Brazil from the hands of the Communists, the army is facing great problems. The Communist movement, completely shattered by the army's 1964 revolution, has reorganized and is gaining strength every day. Discredited when their leaders fled or hid, some even slipping away with government funds for their personal use, the party has come back to life and is moving left in its approach. At this crucial time, some of the supporters of the revolution have started fighting among themselves—even including some military leaders. Forced to tighten their belts by government measures to improve the chaotic economic situation inherited from the Communists, the people are grumbling and so are many businessmen accustomed to great profits in an inflationary economy. The government desperately needs time for its long-range programs to show results.

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Large shipments of arms are being shipped into the Amazon jungle area of Brazil through the Guianas and other routes. In the state of Matto Grosso, Paraguayan Communists, trained in Cuba, are instructing Brazilians in guerrilla warfare techniques at a secret training base.

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Few realize how near the Communists were to a complete take-over in Brazil prior to the army coup. And only veteran observers of communism could have anticipated the blood bath which would have accompanied the final Red grab for total power. In Recife, for example, a Communist police official had taken a carload of the worst cut-throats in the prison for a drive through residential districts. He pointed out the homes of known anti-Communists and gave each of the criminals a list of them to murder on the day of the revolution. They were promised pardons for this service and jobs upon their release from prison. One can imagine what their occupations would have been.

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Some anti-Communists in Brazil see the Popular Action movement as a great danger. Many innocents have been influenced by it, including some priests, but, according to police sources, it is a Communist-front organization. Said to have been devised by a Czech journalist in Recife during the former leftist government, it is primarily aimed at students, women and religious groups.

Chile:

South American intelligence sources report that Santiago, Chile, has become the Chinese Communist headquarters in South America. In addition to friendship and cultural exchange groups, there is a Red Chinese trade mission in the country. The Chicoms recently bought $11 million worth of copper plus a great amount of iodine. There may be uses for the iodine other than the routine medical ones.

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The wide split among leftist students in the United States is reflected throughout Latin America, especially in Chile. There is the orthodox Communist party, the Peking-line Reds, the Castro-line Communists who are found among both of the others, the Trotskyites, and the left extremists of every kind. Often, names are misleading, as in Chile where "Socialists" are sometimes to the left of the Peking-line Communists. You can't tell the players without a scorecard.

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The Communists in Chile are the most "legal" in the free world. They have high hopes for a take-over through an open election (a leftist coalition received 38 per cent of the vote in the last presidential election), and even the Peking-line Reds are against violence at present. Only a few extreme radicals support terrorism, guerrilla warfare, etc.

The entire political spectrum has moved far to the left, and for practical purposes there is no right wing. The army, with a long tradition of keeping completely out of politics, would probably not act in the event of a Communist victory at the polls.

With a strong leftward trend and the large percentage of the vote controlled by the Communists, the Frei government is forced to deal with them as if with a democratic party.

Colombia:

Despite greatly increased amounts of Chinese Communist propaganda being poured into South America, there is evidence that in some countries the Kremlin has not tried to answer. In Colombia, for example, where the Chicoms ship in propaganda by the ton via Hong Kong, the police have discovered that there has been no significant increase in Soviet propaganda from their base in Mexico.

There is also other evidence that the Soviets are not as unhappy as they would lead us to believe about the great efforts of the Red Chinese to push the "hard line." In most key situations, whether it comes through joint activity on the guerrilla war front or elections at universities, the Moscow and Peking-line Communists usually get together when it counts.

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In Colombia, Fidel Castro is using U.S. currency in his propaganda effort. Occasionally included in packages of Communist literature distributed to the poor are American bills – 1's, 5's and even 10's. If a single family in a village receives a few dollars, it is passed by word of mouth throughout the area—attesting to Castro's great personal concern for the poor.

The Yankee dollar may be damned by Communist agitators from Pago Pago to Timbuktu, but when they need hard currency for propaganda, espionage or to finance terror and war, they almost always turn to American dough.

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A wave of Communist-led guerrilla terror is expected in Colombia prior to the upcoming elections, but its scope will probably be reduced because of the death last week of Camilo Torres, a Roman Catholic priest who left the church and turned guerrilla. Marxist Camilo, who was killed during an attempted ambush of a government vehicle, wore military garb and thought of himself as the Colombian Castro.

Paraguay:

Police raids in Paraguay, although they only took into custody a couple of dozen people, had ominous signs. The Communists have failed in several invasions launched from surrounding countries because of little preparation inside Paraguay, but the recent raids showed that they were preparing bases along the route of march of future invasions. The preparations were obviously well planned and long range and the Communists were not attempting at this time to engage the government in any type of open battle. The future might change all of this, and the next invasion, instead of bogging down in jungles, could very well become a big problem for the Paraguayan government.

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There are secret training camps for Paraguayan guerrillas in both Brazil and Argentina and a very active Communist party operation in Montevideo, Uruguay. These Paraguayan Communist exiles are well financed by Moscow.

Peru:

The Communists may have suffered a great setback in Peru recently in an action almost totally unreported in the United States. The Peruvian Army announced that they had killed Luis de la Puente, head of the main guerrilla movement in Peru. A personal friend of Fidel Castro, de la Puente had been to Cuba, Moscow and Peking. His leadership had been daring; there were "Robin Hood" legends being spread about him throughout the area and he was rapidly becoming another Castro. Unfortunately, there is some question as to the truth of the report, since the army announced he had been immediately buried in an unmarked grave, leading to speculation that de la Puente may not be dead.

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In the past week stories have reached the United States that de la Puente's likely heir has also been shot by the army. He was Guillermo Lobarton, a former student at the Sorbonne in Paris who had received training in several Communist countries and may have fought with the Viet Cong. Lobarton had been leading a guerrilla force in another section of Peru.

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In the small town of Puno, Peru, on Lake Titicaca—the highest navigable lake in the world—there is a casualty in the war in Viet Nam. His name is Barrientos, a young man of about age 23. He died in 1965 fighting for the Viet Cong against the free world. The news appeared in the local press in Puno, and is known throughout the area, but has hardly been mentioned in the United States. There are other Latin Americans fighting in Viet Nam, but this is the only case of a casualty whose name and positive identification can be made.

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In the jungles and mountains of Peru, Communists are teaching students and peasants how to make Molotov cocktails with whiskey and soda pop bottles. They enjoy the irony of using a symbol of the hated Yankee imperialists in this operation—the Coke bottle.

Uruguay:

The USSR embassy in Uruguay continues to be the main center of Moscow propaganda throughout all of South America. It is shipped in by the ton for dispersal throughout the continent. Recently, however, the Soviets have adopted a slightly new tact. They are cutting down on their own activities and turning much of it over to Eastern satellite countries . . . especially the Czechs.

This switch was made even before the diplomatic crisis in December when the Uruguayan government threatened to break relations with the Soviet Union. It was charged at that time that the USSR embassy was directly interfering in domestic affairs through its influence on Communist labor leaders who were conducting a wave of crippling strikes. The break in relations was averted when the strikes were settled.

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Rumanian diplomats in Montevideo are becoming more and more friendly to the West, at least on a social basis, evidently as part of a worldwide campaign to convince others that they are breaking away from the USSR.

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The Soviet "Return to the Homeland" campaign has netted a large number of Russians from South America during the past few years, hundreds from Uruguay alone. The appeal was very strong to older people who were homesick and wished to spend their remaining years in their native land. The danger to the free world is that they took a number of young people with them who speak fluent Spanish, were raised in South America and have Latin American passports. Some of these have been trained by the Soviet secret police and sent back to South America where they make excellent agents. Police throughout the continent are trying to keep track of those who have returned.

Venezuela:

Part of the outside assistance given to the Communist guerrillas in Venezuela has been in the form of international agents, experts in various phases of insurrectionary warfare. Some of them are veterans in the field of international intrigue. Spanish-speaking agents are especially useful and several Spanish Reds have been identified. One of them was a scientist who directed a secret weapons plant on the outskirts of Caracas until killed in a recent raid. Other Communist professionals in Venezuela are veterans of the International Brigade which fought in the Spanish Civil War a quarter of a century ago. There are unconfirmed rumors that an American is among them.

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Communist money used to help victims of Red terror! Last year Venezuelan authorities arrested a Moscow agent, Dr. Alesandor Beltramini, Communist party member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, with over $300,000 destined for Red terrorists. The government decided to use the confiscated money to help victims of the terrorists it was scheduled to finance, and a special committee is distributing the funds.

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Former President Betancourt of Venezuela has become a symbol of the "democratic" answer to the Communists—with a different approach then the military. One of his achievements was keeping the populace in line during the visit of prominent Americans. In Caracas I learned from government sources that the way he controlled Communist mobs was by inviting all of his old friends from the Communist party to a cocktail party where, after a couple of drinks, he announced that he wanted no trouble during such visits. He also said that rather than try to identify the individaul Communists who might become involved in any mob action, he would just simply hold the Communist leadership responsible for the good behavior of the entire Venezuelan population. If there was any trouble at all, his police would arrest the leaders of the Communist party in Venezuela —whether or not there was evidence that they had any direct part in the trouble.

Similar tactics have been used by unions threatened by the Reds. The use of strong-arm boys—not social democracy—has been responsible for defeating Communist plans for taking over some unions. When Communist thugs threatened Venezuelan labor leaders they simply sent their toughest men to the home of the highest Communist in the area, beat him up and warned him that in case of more trouble he would be the target of immediate retaliation. This brand of "social democracy" seems to have worked pretty well in quite a few locals.

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Congressmen Balk at Measure

LBJ Has Trouble Lowering Red Trade Barriers

From the Allen-Scott Report

President Johnson's plan for a far-reaching liberalization of U.S. trade policies with the Soviet bloc is running into a stalling backlash from the Viet Nam war.

So far, he has been unable to persuade any of the ranking members of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee to introduce his bill to relax existing trade barriers because of the Communist countries' expanding of arms shipments to North Viet Nam. And that's not all.

The balking legislators are threatening to enact new trade restrictions against Russia and Poland if the White House persists in pressing for action this year on the President's State-of-the-Union request.

That's the blunt report Rep. Wilbur Mills (D.-Ark.), chairman, has made to Democratic House leaders inquiring about the prospects for this proposal in the President's 1966 "Great Society" program.

Mills, the first to refuse to sponsor the East-West trade measure, says that committee members are furious at the Soviet bloc's arming of North Viet Nam and the Viet Cong.

To forcefully underscore their indignation, Mills and his committee colleagues are preparing to submit to the White House a list of more than 100 Russian and Polish ships regularly carrying weapons to North Viet Nam.

The legislators will warn the President there can be no committee approval of his East-West trade expansion proposal until the Red regimes unilaterally halt their Viet Nam weapons traffic.

To support the Administration's measure under existing circumstances, they contend, would be to court "political suicide, as the overwhelming majority of American people are against trading with Communists actively helping the Viet Cong."

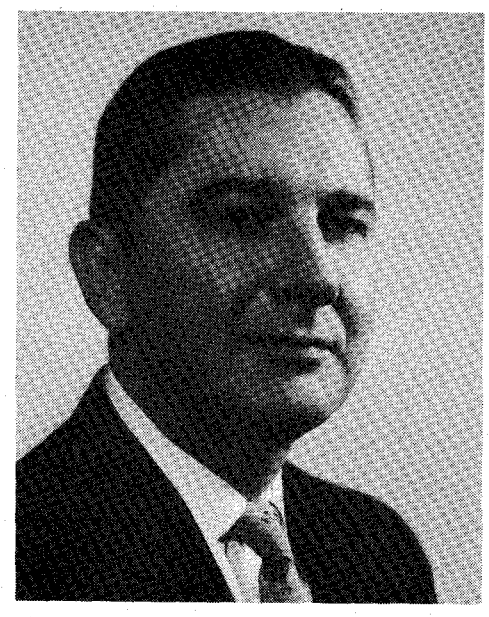
This backstage House rebellion already is showing signs of spreading to the Senate, where the President's East-West trade plan as propounded in his State of the Union message was greeted with considerable approval.

Now Sen. Samuel Ervin(D.-N.C.), and other senators have taken advantage of the joint Armed Services-Appropriations Committees hearings on the President's multi-billion-dollar emergency Viet Nam budget to voice sharp opposition to his trade move.

Ervin, in grilling Defense Secretary McNamara, challenged the trade proposal, stating:

"I got a letter yesterday from a man who said, 'I don't understand the government. In the State of the Union message the President recommended that Congress change the law so as to spur trade with Russian and other Communist countries. Now, as I see it, that would enable them to stabilize and retain what communism has taken thus far and, at the same time, carry on a war against us in Southeast Asia.' How do you answer that kind of letter?"

"There is an apparent paradox, but I think there is a clear answer to it," replied McNamara. "The trade that we have had with members of the Communist bloc in Europe has, in my opinion, loosened the ties of those countries to the Soviet Union. I strongly support the President's proposal to expand trade with the Communist bloc in Europe."



Like many of his colleagues, Rep. Wilbur Mills (D.-Ark.) is angry about all the Red bloc trade with North Viet Nam.

"And that also includes trade with Russia, does it not?" Ervin asked.

"Yes, sir," replied McNamara. "I would not encourage trade with Russia that had a direct military utility to the Soviet."

"I am afraid the American people do not agree with you," replied Sen. Ervin. "Like the writer of this letter, they see trade with Russia as helping an enemy that is trying to destroy us in Viet Nam."

Supporting Ervin in his criticism of the Administration's move were Senators Richard Russell (D.-Ga.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee, John Stennis (D.-Miss.), Thomas Dodd (D.-Conn.) and Strom Thurmond (R.-S.C.).

Sen. Dodd, personal friend of the President, is so concerned about the Administration's effort to expand trade with the Soviet bloc while not doing anything to stop their arms shipments to North Viet Nam that he is sending a stern memorandum to the White House warning of the disastrous military consequences.

Significant highlights are as follows:

"It makes no sense to risk American lives to bomb trucks or trains in North Viet Nam while permitting the Communists to ship and unload hundreds of thousands of tons of supplies monthly via the port of Haiphong. Our sea power is unchallengeable. It is within our power to interdict the flow of traffic to Haiphong without the loss of a single American life.

"Rather than urging expanded East-West trade as a method of mollifying the Soviet Union, as some of your top advisers have been doing, I believe we should take the initiative in organizing a free world embargo on all shipments of grain to the Soviet Union, Red China and other Communist nations.

"During the Neville Chamberlain era there was a ditty sung in England that started out with the words: 'Let's not be nasty to the Nazis.' The apostles of conciliationism apparently believe that it is equally wrong to be nasty to the Communists and that we must seek, by repeated professions and actions of friendship, to persuade them of our good intentions. But the hard lesson of history is that, in dealing with totalitarian dictators, professions of good faith, concessions and conciliatory actions in general are construed as manifestations of weakness. Conversely, the policy of firmness has been successful against them whenever it has been tried. The time has come to face up to realities in Viet Nam."

While the President has not yet reacted to Dodd's memorandum or the growing opposition in the House, the State Department is brushing it aside.

Anthony Solomon, assistant secretary for economic affairs, is roaming the Capitol corridors trying to find a Ways and Means committeeman willing to sponsor the Administration's trade bill.

As drafted by Solomon, the measure would give the President the power to grant most-favored-nation treatment to all Communist countries. At present, this authority is held by Congress.

The Solomon bill would also open the way for easing licensing restrictions for sales to Iron Curtain countries.

The Ways and Means Committee has jurisdiction over all revenue legislation. It must originate there. That's why the President's inability to induce a member to introduce his measure is so embarrassing and frustrating.

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UNNERVING STATISTIC—It took the first 30 U. S. Presidents combined to spend as much as President Johnson now estimates he will spend in one year.

One Draftee's Dissent

From the Richmond *News Leader*

We hear so much about dissent these days and the anarchy with which men make their protests known. Dissent, indeed, is a conformist reaction on our campuses and is not to be equated with original thought. Thus a certain case of a draft protestor up in New York City has real merit.

To begin with, this young fellow, an apprentice actor, decided that the way of anarchy was not his way of Viet Nam protest. He was not a conscientious objector, nor a pacifist, nor a draft card burner; on the contrary, he was a lad with real moral concern for the issues of our time. He set about his protest in the orderly and legal manner that is built into the Selective Service System. He appealed his 1-A classification.

When his draft board met (it was in Greenwich Village), the members were taken aback. Accustomed to beatnik types, they were amazed to find a neatly groomed young man. He had with him an impressive portfolio of papers and government documents.

Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution, he said, defines treason as adhering to our enemies, giving them aid and comfort. If he were to fight in Viet Nam under present policies, he said, he would be giving aid and comfort to the enemy. He pointed to statements that we were not fighting for victory over North Viet Nam, but simply to win negotiations. He could not participate in treason, he said.

The young constitutionalist then went on to other arguments. Quoting from congressional hearings, he traced the collapse of our Asian policy to the influence of Communists in the Institute of Pacific Relations and the State Department. From the MacArthur hearings, he showed the development of the no-win policy in Korea; and from the "muzzling of the military" hearings, he showed how the covert policies of "containment" were erected into an unchallengeable dogma.

He would gladly fight in Viet Nam, even give his life, if it meant turning the tide against communism in the world; but he felt it was morally reprehensible to participate in a war for peaceful coexistence. Coexistence with the nation's enemies was treason, and he was making the most of it.

Members of the draft board, despite their astonishment, turned him down. They were not going to stick their necks out on such an unorthodox appeal. They bumped the decision upstairs. The prospective draftee expects to appeal further, even up to the President himself. If the case gets taken seriously, a great deal of affirmative action could come from one man's dissent.

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Leftist Ramsey Still Supplying Anti-U.S. Radio Tapes for Hanoi

By FULTON LEWIS JR.

Bearded leftist Ronald Ramsey continues to supply Radio Hanoi with anti-American tapes for broadcast to U.S. troops in South Viet Nam.

Ramsey, a self-proclaimed revolutionary, made national headlines earlier this month when he was exposed as the voice of Hanoi's so-called Radio Stateside. Justice Department officials studied possible sedition charges and there was speculation that Ramsey might curtail his activities, at least temporarily.

Not so. Ramsey continues to tape Radio Stateside messages in Los Angeles and send them, via Canada, to Hanoi. A recent broadcast opened with an anti-war protest song that Ramsey introduced as America's number one hit.

Ramsey then warned American soldiers that they could be tried as "war criminals" if they continued their war of "aggression" against the Vietnamese people. The GIs were told that "hundreds of other soldiers are protesting the war" in word and deed.

They were urged to go on hunger strikes to denounce American "imperialism," to declare themselves conscientious objectors. They were, as in previous broadcasts, given the Philadelphia address of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, a pacifist group that will supply soldiers with legal advice on ways to beat the draft.

"This may be the most vital thing you've done in this war," the GIs were told.

Ramsey informed his American listeners that anti-war activity was sweeping the country. "Hundreds of thousands of young people are taking to the streets to demonstrate their support for your lives and the lives of the Vietnamese people. Hundreds are throwing their bodies across troop trains, are going out and blocking the ship movements, ships full of soldiers like you, from departing for Viet Nam."

Widespread opposition to U.S. policy was reported by Ramsey among American intellectuals. He singled out by name playwright Arthur Miller, who has denounced U. S. intervention as immoral.

The Radio Stateside broadcast closed with a Frank Sinatra recording of *Fools Rush In* and a promise by Ramsey that he would be back at the microphone within a week. He again asked American GIs to lay down their arms:

"Won't you join us in some way in stopping the machinery of war? Won't you come home and fight for liberty here in America, so that we, who are broadcasting from Watts, won't need to take to the streets again to accentuate our lack of liberty and our need for liberation?"

Note: Radical leftists have scheduled "International Days of Protest" for late March and have promised anti-American demonstrations throughout the United States and in foreign capitals as well. Ramsey has promised demonstration sponsors that he will participate and then report to his GI audience.

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Ronald Ramsey tells New York reporters that he will continue to make radio tapes to be broadcast by Hanoi stations urging U.S. GIs to become conscientious objectors. See story at left.

Civic Action in Viet Nam

GI's Job Is Not Only Fighting

By SEN. JOHN TOWER (R.-Tex.)

It is not particularly surprising that much of the world thinks we are doing nothing but fighting in Viet Nam. The fighting is what makes the headlines. But, behind the headlines, our servicemen and civilian officials have been quietly and effectively helping the Vietnamese people with their agriculture, health and governmental reform. Our military units have been particularly successful in teaching the rudiments of sanitation—helping the people to get pure water, to combat disease and to get the most out of their land.

Even more important, we have been sharing with them the art of self-government. Throughout years of domination, the French failed to develop any native leadership in Viet Nam. We are doing that now, so the country can be free and strong when it has been secured against Communist aggression.

While I commend the President's added efforts to secure even more civic action work in South Viet Nam by sending many of his key cabinet officers into that country, I believe most of the credit for current success there must go to the military officers and men who have been engaged in civic action ever since their arrival in Viet Nam.

I'd like to give you just a few examples of the ways our talented soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines are working to help the people they are fighting to save:

• The Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade, which I visited in December, completely furnished two schools at Pleiku, built bathing facilities at a refugee center and conducted in one two-week period health visits to some 50 villages treating 5,000 civilians. In addition, these airborne troopers completely cleaned and rewired a local hospital, then contributed funds to help keep it operating.

• U.S. soldiers in the Cam Ranh Bay area helped Vietnamese build a police station and a school. One Army company is paying the salary of school teachers for a village which could not otherwise afford them.

• The Army's 52nd Aviation Company has been busy in its off hours building an orphanage for 300 children, using supplies from the U.S. foreign aid program.

• The men of our 101st Airborne Brigade—the famous "Screaming Eagles"—captured 1,000 pounds of rice and 3,000 pounds of salt during a raid against the Viet Cong and promptly turned it over to the Phu Phang Refugee Camp.

• In the delta area south of Saigon, Army helicopters lifted 600 pounds of medical supplies into the Hoa Binh district which is inaccessible by road because of Viet Cong terrorism.

• Men of our "Big Red One" First Infantry Division pitched in to help South Vietnamese repair a Catholic church at Bung Thuoc hamlet—a church destroyed by the Viet Cong.

• An Army dentist went to work and in four busy days treated 125 Vietnamese civilians, extracting 122 bad teeth in the process.

• Third Marine Division medical personnel in one week treated nearly 13,000 Vietnamese civilians, distributed 900 pounds of food, 800 pounds of clothing and 6,600 bars of soap.

• The Seventh Engineer Battalion helped build a school and obtained a CARE physical education kit for the students.

• Navy Seabees installed a water pump in the Da Nang children's home and now conduct regular English classes at Chu Lai.

• First Air Cavalry troops helped distribute the thousands of packages of food, toys and gifts sent to the people of South Viet Nam by Americans during the Christmas period.

These few examples point out the kind of men we have today fighting for freedom in Viet Nam. They fight when necessary; and when they have a few moments extra, they look around for ways to help civilians caught in the war. This is what civic action is all about

No doubt the increased efforts promised at Hawaii will increase its effectiveness, but our troops on the spot are the real heroes of this war—heroes on the battlefront and also on the civic action or home front.

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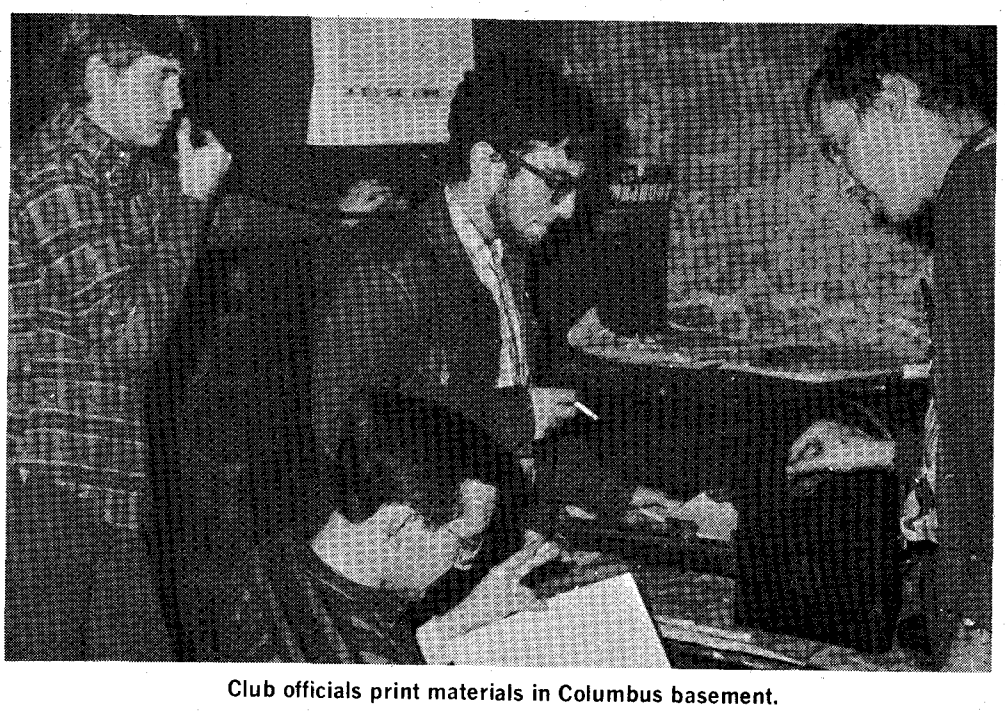


Club officials print materials in Columbus basement.

Inside a Communist Office

Youthful 'Spartacists' work within the shadow of Ohio State University in Columbus

By TOM SESLAR in the Columbus (Ohio) *Spectator*

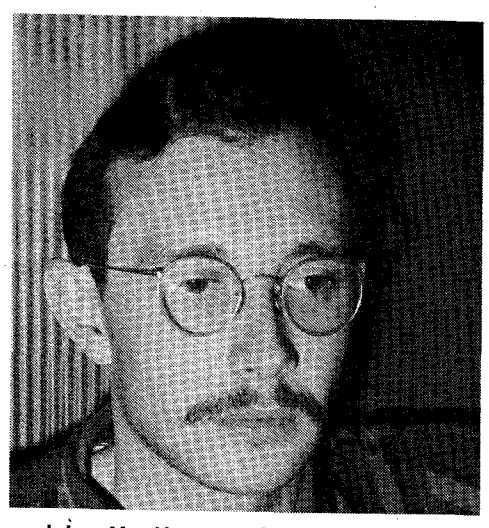
An Ohio State University off-campus group admitted to the *Spectator* recently that it is actively working in this city to overthrow the present system of American government.

The plan was revealed during an exclusive *Spectator* interview with John M. Houser, 20, who calls himself the Central Ohio organizer of the Spartacist party.

"We definitely are Communists," Houser said. "But we prefer to call ourselves 'Spartacists' because some of our goals differ from those of the Communist party of the Soviet Union and the Communist Party, U.S.A."

The Spartacists recently quietly opened an office and mailing outlet in the basement of a building at 1508 Summit Street, in the shadow of the OSU campus.

When two *Spectator* reporters went to the office, they found 11 persons there. Most of them appeared to be between the ages of 20 and 30. Among them was a man who called himself "Father Bush," and said he is an ordained priest of a Lansing, Mich., church.



John M. Houser, 20, Central Ohio organizer for the Spartacist party, says, "we definitely are Communists."

Houser said there are "less than a dozen" active Spartacists in Columbus, but added that there are many local "sympathizers" and "contacts." He said ages of local active members range between 18 and 50.

A file at the Spartacists' office contains the names, addresses, phone numbers and other information concerning about 100 persons, most of them local.

Houser, a freshman in the OSU College of Arts and Sciences, said he and his "comrades" support the political doctrines of Karl Marx, Nikolai Lenin and Leon Trotsky.

When questioned about Spartacist objectives, Houser showed the *Spectator* reporters an editorial published in the February 1964 issue of the national Spartacist newspaper. He said Columbus members "agree in full with the editorial."

The editorial says in part:

"We frankly state in advance that the purpose of our action is to further a revolutionary regroupment of the forces within this country [United States] such that a Leninist vanguard party of the working class will emerge.

"Secondly, we want to win individual supporters for our viewpoint from among radical youth, militants in the civil rights struggle and seek to create modest nuclei within key sections of the working class.

"Critical to our success will be the ability of our comrades to . . . be involved as revolutionists in the social struggle of our times. . . ."

Houser said the ultimate goal of the Spartacist party is to convert the world to "true communism." He explained that he believed this kind of communism would be a "classless society in which persons work according to abilities and receive according to needs."

He said he did not favor a violent overthrow of the U.S. government, but added that history "has proven that major changes cannot be brought about through the use of force.

"We will work peacefully toward a political and social revolution," he said. "But if the ruling class starts shooting at us, we'll shoot back."

He said that one of the prime tactics of the Spartacists is to infiltrate other local organizations. He said members already have been placed in civic clubs, OSU organizations and trade unions.

"We do not attempt to hide our political feelings," he said. "The other people in the organizations know why we are there. We are there to recruit people for our organization and to put forth our ideas."

Houser specifically mentioned that the Spartacist party played a "leadership role" in the formation of the Columbus Viet Nam Day Committee. This is the group which during the past year has sponsored several anti-war demonstrations downtown and at the university.

"We [Spartacists] call for the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of U.S. troops from Viet Nam and complete victory for the National Liberation Front [Viet Cong]," said Charles Luce, who is the campus coordinator of Spartacist activities at OSU.

Luce, a sophomore in the OSU College of Arts and Sciences, said his job is to recruit Spartacist members from various other university groups.

Spartacist History:

The Spartacist party, which has opened a Columbus office and mailing outlet, is the result of many splits and fusions of Communist-Socialist groups:

• In 1928 the Communist party of the Soviet Union expelled Leon Trotsky and 80 members of his "left opposition."

• The following year Trotsky supporters were expelled from the Communist Party, U.S.A. These persons then formed the Communist League of America (CLA).

• The CLA also suffered numerous internal troubles, and some of its members left in 1936 to organize the Socialist Workers party (SWP).

• In 1964 the SWP expelled a part of its membership that it labeled "the revolutionary tendency." Those who were expelled then organized the Spartacist party.

John M. Houser, Central Ohio organizer for the Spartacists, told the *Spectator* that his group's ultimate goal is to convert the world to "true communism."

Houser said that socialism is only a step toward communism. He said true communism would be a "classless society in which persons work according to abilities and receive according to needs."

The national Spartacist membership total is "internal information," according to Houser.

The national Spartacist newspaper, however, lists addresses of offices in nine other major U. S. cities, including Cincinnati, New York City, Berkeley, Chicago and Houston.

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Guns and Butter, But No Quinine

Because of Indonesia's Sukarno, the U.S. faces a serious shortage of this drug that is so important to our troops in Viet Nam.

By JOHN BOLAND

The Texan in the White House has assured the nation it is healthy enough to buy both guns and butter, guns to wage a bloody, bogged-down war in Viet Nam; butter to feed a poverty-pocked "Great Society." He did not tell, however, that there is a strategic commodity needed vitally by our fighting men in Southeast Asia (and by the nation as well) which America can't beg or borrow—and can only buy at a blackmailer's price.

He did not tell because the blackmailer is a two-bit dictator sired by the State Department and brought up on American foreign aid, who, in gratitude, has told Uncle Sam to "go to hell with your aid."

The dictator is Achmed Sukarno, the playboy president-for-life of Indonesia. His game is preventing the United States from obtaining Indonesian quinine, a drug needed for controlling malaria outbreaks among our troops fighting in the clammy jungles of South Viet Nam.

U.S. troops are constantly plagued by the malaria bug. Brig. Gen. Robert E. Blout, commanding general of the William Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Tex., tells that his personal on-the-spot investigation of medical conditions in Viet Nam showed a sharp increase of the disease in American troops after two major battles with the Viet Cong last fall. Now, some observers of U.S. casualty reports—those marked "death from non-hostile causes"—are asking how many of these "non-hostile" deaths have resulted from malaria and other infectious diseases.

It is a not-so-well-kept secret: The U.S. is critically hard-pressed for quinine and its Siamese-sister drug, quinidine, a medicine used to control auricular fibrillation (irregular cardiac rhythm) in heart patients. The reason, according to a representative of Rowell Laboratories in Baudette, Minn., is that Sukarno and his henchmen are selling all the quinine Indonesia can harvest to Red China.

The United States looks to Indonesia for almost all its quinine and Rowell Laboratories is the leading importer of the drug. The Rowell spokesman says his company must now buy quinine and quinidine raw product from West Germany and Switzerland. Those countries obtain it from Red China.

Not that Red China produces quinine herself. Sukarno's government-run black market supplies the Chinese Communists. Under his 1964 "embargo" act, Sukarno seized the quinine business. Now only Sukarno and his hand-picked politicians can move the drug out of the country. The Chinese buy it, kick up the price and sell it on the European market.

Until recently, only pharmacists and pharmaceutical companies have noticed the growing scarcity of the malaria-curing drug. Quinine is one of the oldest "wonder drugs" on the market; both quinine and quinidine are made from cinchona bark. The use of quinine dates back to the early Jesuit missionaries in Peru and the Jesuits are responsible for introducing it to Italy around 1641, later to England, where it became known as "Jesuit's powder."

The drug has always been relatively inexpensive because cinchona trees grow wild and in profuse numbers throughout Central and South America. In addition, the Dutch started growing the cinchona tree commercially in the Indies years ago.

Recently, however, pharmacists have been unable to buy quinine from local drug wholesale houses. And most of the major drug companies are now marking orders for quinine and quinidine "out of stock." When and where the drugs are sometimes available, their costs have doubled and tripled.

In 1949, an ounce of quinine cost 13¢. Today the same amount is priced at $3.50 and going up. Last year, one ounce of quinidine powder sold for $2.25. Today, an inferior grade goes for $11.00 plus, if it can be obtained at all.

Pharmacists across the country are being harangued by customers complaining about the skyrocketing cost of quinine and quinidine prescriptions. People want to know why. Through it all, our top government officials remain tight-lipped.

Sukarno now sells almost all his quinine to Red China.

A personal inquiry directed by this writer to the assistant secretary of defense brought a quick reply: "Fortunately, there is no lack of adequate quantities of the drug at this time, or in the forseeable future, for support of our forces in Viet Nam or elsewhere."

But, to the contrary, a Parke Davis drug company official writes: "It may be that the assistant secretary of defense feels that 'there is no lack of adequate quantities,' but I'm sure he is only talking about the Defense Department's supply." He adds, emphatically: "There definitely is a shortage."

"Part of the manufacturer's problem," the Parke Davis official says, "is due to the military's request to supply large quantities and these quantities had to be withdrawn from the amount we had available for domestic usage." Pharmaceutical companies are wondering where the military will go for quinine after it uses what quinine the drug industry has been able to supply.

All this means that our federal planners, those whiz kids who have thought far enough ahead to stockpile steel and copper for use in cases of political emergencies, have neglected to stockpile a commodity which experience has shown to be strategic material in time of war. American troops can't fight in jungle climates without quinine. This was demonstrated during WWII. When the Japanese overpowered the Dutch Indies, the U.S. Board of Economic Warfare had to contend with a similar quinine shortage problem.

Until that time, the United States had purchased almost all its quinine from the Dutch plantations in the South China Sea. We did so, first, because the raw product was of a higher quality and, second, because, unlike the here-today-gone-tomorrow governments of South and Central America, our stable Dutch allies could be counted on to fulfill their commitments.

Japanese occupation of the islands forced the United States to send botanists to Latin America in search of cinchona. With U.S. tax money, a thriving and profitable quinine business was set up in countries like Colombia and Ecuador. By 1945, the United States was importing 7,317,999 pounds of cinchona from those two countries alone.

Records show that the United States continued buying the bulk of its needs from South America until the early 1950s. By that time Achmed Sukarno, the newly elected president of Indonesia, had begun his drive to kick the Dutch settlers out of Indonesia and start his program "to achieve Indonesian socialism."

Strange are the ways of politics; that was the time the United States once more started eyeing Indonesia for its quinine supply. All of it.

The end result: Sukarno is now the monopoly king of quinine. And the quinine industry of South America, paid for and developed with U.S. tax money, has literally closed shop.

So where do we go from here?

Economist Eliot Janeway has a suggestion: "It would seem to be high time for our government to face the government of Indonesia with a direct demand to ship quinine to us at a fixed price as the condition of receiving any further aid or trade privileges from the United States. We've waited too long to drive the money changers out of the Viet Nam pestholes."

The question now is, will the Texan in the White House be man enough to give Achmed Sukarno such a bitter pill to swallow?

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Radical Few Are Not Typical College Students

By RUSSELL KIRK

Appearances notwithstanding, less real radicalism exists among American college students than was to be found a generation ago. Only a handful of sillies, unrepresentative of the campus, desire to aid and comfort our Communist enemies in Viet Nam.

The much-publicized Students for a Democratic Society, for instance, has only 5,000 members, nationwide—and many of these are not enrolled students, but dropouts or confused recent graduates.

Mr. Tom Hayden, the SDS leader who went to Hanoi recently, is only a mixed-up little kid, no more typical of American students (or former students) than Dr. Staughton Lynd, his travelling companion who made a treasonable radio broadcast in Hanoi, is typical of Yale professors.

On the campus coherent student opposition to the peaceniks is rising. Take the University of California at Los Angeles. There, led by Mr. William Longstreth, a teaching assistant and graduate student in journalism, sensible students have formed VIVA—Victory in Viet Nam Association. The VIVA students, with both Republicans and Democrats in their ranks, have held vigorous counter-demonstrations and "teach-outs" at UCLA, supporting the American defense of order in Viet Nam, whenever the UCLA peaceniks have attempted "teach-ins" to advocate flight from Saigon.

When, in November, the weird crew of leftist students, academic bums and eccentrics at Berkeley marched on the naval terminal at Oakland, Calif., VIVA's stalwarts moved north to Oakland and marched with the pacifist procession—but carrying signs that endorsed a policy of strength in Viet Nam. Since then, students at 17 other universities and colleges—beginning with Princeton and Brigham Young—have become affiliated with VIVA.

The VIVA students distinctly aren't the dreary-looking academic bums and dropouts, laced with professional agitators who worship Moscow and Peking, who marched on Washington a few months ago and held a disharmonious "pacifist" congress.

Many of the VIVA members are "A" students, decently dressed and even bathed, of the kind that don't form mobs and don't taunt the police. They have shown high courage in marching alongside the beatniks and toughs (some of them trained in a "passive resistance" that includes tactics for fighting police) of militant "pacifism"—and in defying the glowers of their anti-American adversaries.

The timid, of course, can be intimidated by belligerent peaceniks. Among the timid are some encyclopedia editors. When, recently, this commentator wrote for an encyclopedia yearbook an article on extremism, the proofs of the article were sent back for his signature—"edited" out of recognition. My mention of Staughton Lynd has been deleted—because he might mind; Students for a Democratic Society has been relegated to one obscure sentence. When I protested, the encyclopedia killed the article altogether.

But the American public, conservative or liberal, will not be intimidated by a handful of malcontent "peace" extremists. Nor will the vast majority of our college students.

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IRONY—"If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money it values more, it will lose that too."—W. Somerset Maugham

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SPOTLIGHT on CONGRESS

True Friends

By REP. JERRY FORD (R.-Mich.)

We were pleased to have the President stress in his message on foreign aid that "we must concentrate on countries not hostile to us that give solid evidence that they are determined to help themselves." But we must be mighty hard-headed about the "solid evidence." The burden of proof on cooperation and constructive results must rest with the recipient country. Of course our aid must go only to those "countries not hostile to us." But the President should have gone further to insist that our aid (tax dollars) go only to those nations which are helpful to us in the Vietnamese war. Furthermore, I cannot justify nor support any assistance to those nations which in any way help the North Vietnamese aggressors.

Noisy Minority

By REP. O. C. FISHER (D.-Tex.)

The fact that a few U.S. senators, student demonstrators and misguided professors are giving aid and comfort to the enemy and probably helping prolong the war in Viet Nam, is becoming quite evident. A recent news flash from Red China reported: "The fire is spreading. The raging flames of the American people's anti-war movement will burn ever more fiercely . . . and finally reduce the U.S. imperialist system to ashes." Indeed, Chinese experts say that Peking believes the day of revolution in the U.S.A. is drawing nearer! Peking's *People's Daily* recently carried a full page about American protests, displayed a U.S. map showing where some 40 anti-war incidents have occurred.

The fact is that only a half-dozen senators are actually opposing American policy in Viet Nam. And only a small minority of students and professors demonstrate and whoop it up for pacificism at any cost. But these outbursts grab the headlines—both here and in Hanoi and Peking.

The recent Senate hearings solved nothing. It did provide a forum for the hotheads to sound off against U.S. "aggressors," and it developed some mature and revealing suggestions about the conduct of the war. Except for the encouragment the hearings give to the enemy, they have probably backfired and will actually bolster and solidify American support of the struggle being waged in Viet Nam.

The big concern in America today seems to be not that we are fighting the Communists, but rather that we are not doing enough to knock them out with our overwhelming military power.

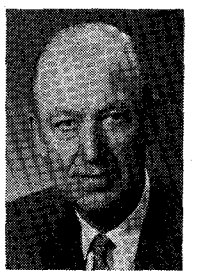
Bad Crime Theory

By SEN. ROBERT BYRD (D.-W. Va.)

There have been a great number of claims in modern times that poverty is a cause of our spiraling crime rate, and there has been a great deal of compassion lavished on lawbreakers because of their so-called "lot in life" period. I do not subscribe to that maudlin theory. The people of West Virginia have not turned our state into anarchy because some of them are poor. Yet, in areas in which the citizens are infinitely better off, they have rioted and looted and broken the law and, at the same time, succeeded in placing the blame upon society in general and the police in particular. It is time to stop making these people feel sorry for themselves.

Serviceman Slighted

By REP. LESLIE ARENDS (R.-Ill.)



[The House Armed Services Committee] chairman said he knew of boys living in tents in zero temperature at Fort Gordon, Ga., and in Columbia, S. C. The explanation offered by the secretary of defense for this sudden decision is that they felt it necessary to help relieve inflationary pressures by deferring these planned defense expenditures. It is true that government spending is the basic cause of the inflation besetting us. But that is a matter of overall economic policy of the Administration. It does not come within the province of the secretary of defense to evaluate our fiscal situation in determining military needs.

It doesn't make sense to defer proper living quarters for our boys entering the service in increasing numbers and defer hospitals for the increasing numbers returning from Viet Nam and, at the same time, propose large expenditures for civilian housing and health programs both at home and abroad. Government spending is causing inflation and cuts should be made. Let us put first things first. And certainly our servicemen come first in any priority listing as to how much and where expenditures are to be made.

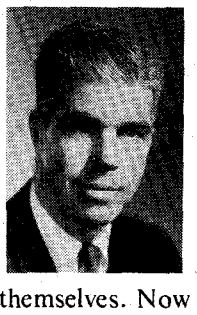
Hungry Family

By REP. PAUL FINO (R.-N.Y.)

The President is trying to bite off a lot of world-saving in his proposals. This is commendable, but he has not yet finished saving the United States. So, let's put first things first. Why is he putting all these world-saving programs ahead of the millions and millions of Americans he is always telling us are unclothed, uneducated and undernourished? Has America taken a health cure overnight and the President is now ready to bite off the health and education of India and a horde of other nations? There are hundreds of thousands of old people in our cities who cannot speak English and cannot vote. Let us look at their education first. This is international enough for me.

HUD's Tentacles

By SEN. PETER DOMINICK (R.-Colo.)



President Johnson's proposal to spend $2.3 billion in a massive slum clearance project across the nation apparently has no limitations on the size of communities to be affected. We were led to believe at first that this federal largess would be used only in those cities which had slum ghettos which they are unable to cope with themselves. Now we find, however, that the President would like to "mesh together all our social and physical efforts to improve urban living," place them under the jurisdiction of the newly created Department of Housing and Urban Development, and include cities, towns and villages of every conceivable size.

This could make the Department of Housing and Urban Development one of the most powerful in the entire executive branch and could place the fate of literally millions of citizens across the country in the hands of one Cabinet officer. The long-range effect upon state, local and municipal governments is difficult to know at this time but the outlook is certainly not bright for local control in the communities affected.

Three Free Travelers

By REP. JOHN DOWDY (D.-Tex.)

The three Americans who went to North Viet Nam in spite of restrictions, defied the laws of our land. They are free, today, as if there were no law. Hanoi Radio quoted one of them as praising the determination of Communist North Viet Nam and the struggle of the Viet Cong. These three men are even now free, while an ordinary citizen might be placed in jail for being unable to post bond for a traffic violation. A man unable to pay his taxes could have his home and business taken from him. These three, whose actions border on treason, have placed themselves above the law and are free. I am not questioning their right to their own political thinking, but when they openly defy the laws which govern all of us, they should be required to answer to that law. If they are not so required to answer, then law means nothing, and, as a lawless society, we dig our own grave.

Overlooked Guideposts

By REP. JACK EDWARDS (R.-Ala.)

The President has set up what he calls wage and price "guideposts" with which he intends to limit private business and labor in their free decisions to operate in the market place. And, although he calls these "guideposts" voluntary, the way he seeks to enforce them reminds many of us in Washington of a drill sergeant asking for volunteers to do KP duty.

What this all amounts to is that LBJ is asking business, labor and the public to show restraint while he directs the Washington bureaucracy in wide-open, free-swinging spending programs. The result is showing up in the high prices you and I are paying for what we must buy. And responsible economists are saying it will get worse before it gets better.

Taxpayers Are Denied Facts On Trade with North Viet Nam

By REP. CHARLES TEAGUE (R.-Calif.)

I have joined several of my colleagues in the House in proposing a bill to prohibit the use of American ports by vessels of any foreign shipping interest which allows any of its ships to engage in trade with North Viet Nam.

In 1965 there were more free world ships than Communist ships engaged in carrying goods to and from North Viet Nam. This much is clear from unclassified data released by the Defense Department. However, the Defense Department refuses to reveal the kind of shipments going into and out of North Viet Nam. They say this is classified or secret data. But who do they want to keep this secret information from? Our enemy, Ho Chi Minh, certainly knows what materials are coming into his own harbor. Therefore, the Defense Department must be trying to keep the information from the American people. It seems to me this information should be made public. The American people have a right to know who is aiding the enemy, and in what way, when their sons and brothers are dying from North Vietnamese bullets.

The American public simply has not been told the whole truth about the shocking support being given by free world ships to a nation openly engaged in Communist aggression and subversion. According to unclassified information released by the Defense Department, free world ships arriving in North Viet Nam during 1965 were registered under the flags of the following countries: Britain, Lebanon, Japan, Greece, Norway, the Netherlands, Malta, Panama and Cyprus. Exact dates of arrival, with the names of ships and the countries of registry, are known to and made public by the Pentagon, but the military will not let the nature of the cargoes be known.

The legislative proposal I have introduced, which closes our ports to ships engaged in trade with Hanoi, follows the failure of Congress last year to prohibit funds under the foreign aid program from going to any country whose merchant ships are engaged in such trade. An effort was made to simply add the words "or to North Viet Nam" to the already existing prohibition concerning those who trade with Cuba. This proposal was defeated in the House by the narrow margin of 174 to 164.

If the Administration and its supporters in Congress refuse to cut off foreign aid to those who trade with our enemy, they should now stand up and be counted on the question of closing our ports to their ships. Fantastic as it may seem, it has been and continues to be the policy of this Administration to exempt ships engaged in North Vietnamese trade from the penalties and restrictions imposed upon ships which engage in Cuban trade.

Why should we be more considerate of Ho Chi Minh, with whom we are engaged in a deadly and costly battlefield struggle, than we are of Fidel Castro, who has no capacity for battlefield aggression against us or the remainder of the free world?

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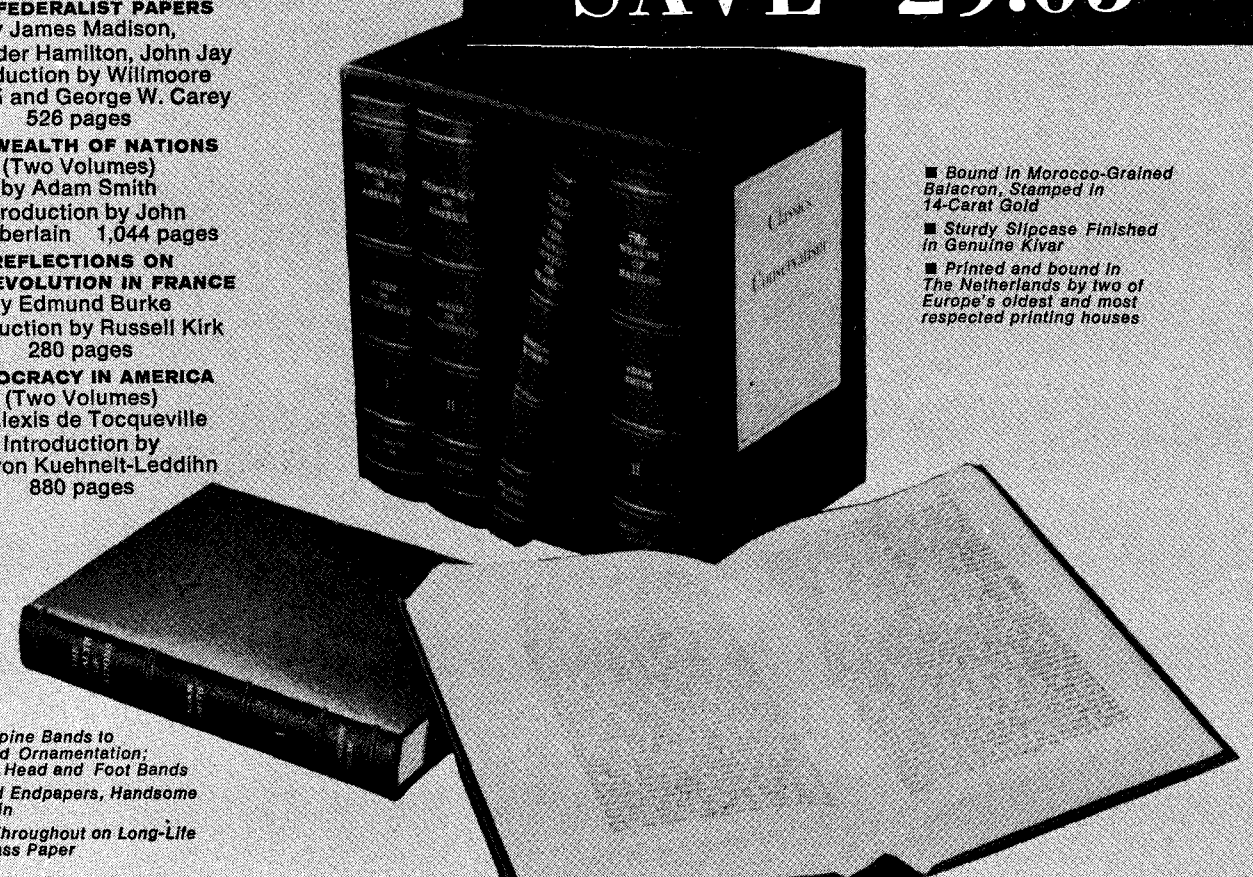

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